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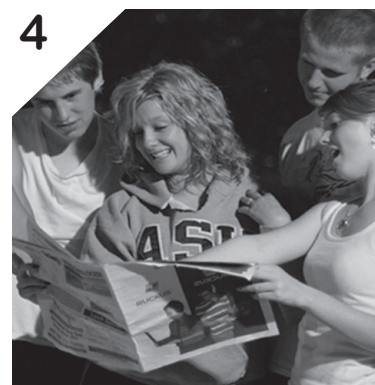
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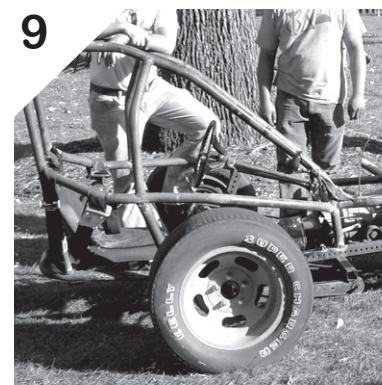
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Yeshuapolooza is back! | 10th annual college block party

Amanda Schield
News Editor

Classes are now in full swing and the weekend is right around the corner. If you're looking for something to do this weekend, we have just the thing for you.

Join the University of Wisconsin-Stout in celebrating ten years of outdoor music and fun right on campus with a one-of-a-kind block party, FREE to the public on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Presented by UW-Stout student organization Street Level Ministries, Yeshuapolooza highlights bands noted as crowd favorites from Menomonie's very own coffeehouse, The Blind Munchies and their ongoing concert series.

This year's concert lineup includes four returning festival favorites, as well as two completely new groups. Scheduled to appear are the keytar-toting rock band Runway 36 appearing in their second-to-last show before retiring as a band. Lending a hand will also be the eclectic urban rock group In Overflow and indie emo-rock band This Is Luke from Nashville, Tenn. The funky blues Americana group Tom Feldmann & The Get Rites will also appear, as featured on 89.3 FM The Current. The two new appearances

this year will be by emo band Camera Can't Lie out of Minneapolis, Minn. and up-and-coming local band, Survive The Drive.

The festivities kick off on Saturday on the south lawn of the UW-Stout Memorial Student Center at 2 p.m., and the fun continues until ten o'clock. This is your opportunity to hear talented local bands, enjoy refreshments and meet new people. In addition to the six bands scheduled to appear, you can also enjoy a "pit grill hog roast" hacky sack circles, temporary henna tattoos, monster hula hoop fun and band merchandise tables. Fresh coffee and baked-goods will also be sold on site from The Blind Munchies Mobile Coffeehouse. The entire event will be broadcast live over Street Level's own radio station, 101.7 FM, Jesus Rock Radio. Rumors of a tower of ramen noodles being raffled off have also been overheard.

The music portion of this festival is completely free to all students and community members 16 years of age or older. If you choose to enjoy a pork sandwich or fresh cup of coffee, plan on bringing along some cash. 100 percent of funds raised from this event go directly to support the overseas missions work of Street Level Ministries. Through this successful event, Street



www.myspace.com/cameracantlie

Self-proclaimed strugglers, sinners, gentlemen and fighters, Camera Can't Lie will play at the MSC Saturday afternoon along with several other local artists.

Level Ministries has been able to build three church buildings and affect the lives of hundreds of persecuted tribal people in Third

World countries. A free-will donation will also be collected, which will go towards continuing the efforts of this outreach.

Governor strives for safe campuses

Amanda Schield
News Editor

As classes resume this fall, Gov. Jim Doyle's Task Force on Campus Safety has issued an Interim Report offering a set of "best practice criteria" for college and university administrators, law enforcement and student health services staff. The Task Force is focused on ensuring the safety of college campuses across Wisconsin. At the direction of Gov. Jim Doyle, the Task Force is reviewing and compiling criteria for developing best practices from universities, colleges and other higher education institutions in Wisconsin and across the nation.

"The students at our higher education institutions have a lot on their minds, but one thing I don't want them or their families to worry about is whether their campus is unprepared for an emergency," said Gov. Doyle. "The recommendations in this report are efforts to put in place right away to ensure a good start to a safe school year, from prevention and intervention, to communication and reaction."



Governor Jim Doyle

A noteworthy Wisconsin practice was highlighted in the Interim Report as a way for smaller colleges and universities to increase student access to health services. A partnership between University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and Western Wisconsin Technical College increases student access to health services by allowing any student at the technical school taking six or more credits to use the UW-La Crosse's student health center for a \$10 co-pay.

In its final report, the task force will include recommendations on additional areas of campus safety, including the use of technology to prevent incidents from occurring and notifying students and staff in the event of an emergency. The Task Force will also address federal and state statutes, like the Family and Educational Rights Privacy Act, which governs information-sharing among faculty, staff, students and parents. The Task Force delivered the Interim Report to the governor on Aug. 15. The final report will be submitted to the governor on Nov. 1.

Technical assistance: making the best of the system

Amanda Schield
News Editor

Check out what's new on campus this year to help you make the best of your college experience.

Move over e-Scholar

After five years as an integral part of University of Wisconsin-Stout's e-Scholar program, the e-Scholar portal (and associated e-Advising tool) was discontinued on Friday Aug. 24, 2007. With the decision to offer course delivery offerings exclusively with Learn@UW-Stout (also known as D2L) in the fall of 2005, visits to the portal decreased sharply. All of the resources available within the e-Scholar portal will continue to be available directly via the web, specifically Datatel, Access Stout and the Stout Web site. Questions, comments or concerns, can be directed to Doug Wahl at wahld@uwstout.edu.

Ask 5000

Approximately 5,800 students at UW-Stout complete course work, conduct research and send and receive e-mail messages using computer laptops leased to them through the laptop initiative. The Ask5000 Help Desk, the campus technology support initiative, provides support for UW-Stout-issued software and computers, including laptops for students. A typical student lap-

top has as many as 28 separate software applications loaded on it. When questions arise, students are able to request assistance via e-mail, telephone, two walk-up service locations on campus or a Web site. You can locate the helpful staff of Ask5000 on the second floor of Millenium Hall or in their new home on the second floor of Micheels Hall in the computer lab. And as always, they can be contacted by phone at (715) 232-5000.

Learn@UW-Stout

A suite of software applications designed primarily for educational institutions, Learn@UW-Stout enables individual instructors to create course Web sites with state-of-the-art communication, collaboration, content delivery and student assessment capabilities. Learn@UW-Stout course Web sites can provide students with a customized and personalized online learning experience: each course has its own home page and site with a variety of features including online quizzes, surveys and tests, a course event calendar, threaded discussions and chat groups and document storage, sharing and management. Learn@UW-Stout also includes a variety of course management tools for faculty and instructional staff. These include utilities for student enrollment, grade submissions and course integration with student and campus information systems.



~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity
from Menomonie

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without valid driver's license – 1
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Thanks for sharing, I guess

Saturday, July 7, 2007. 7:55 a.m.

A university police officer was approached by a 50-year-old white male owner of a blue Chevrolet Impala, who made it known that he was "not happy" about paying his recently acquired parking ticket. The officer observed that the man had in his hand a parking envelope that was duct taped shut and looked to be full of coins. The man elaborated that the ticket was not fair because he felt the signs at two lot 30 entrances were "deceptive." The officer advised the man that if he wished to dispute the ticket he would have to do so Monday at the university police building. The man replied that he had no intention of disputing the ticket, but only wished everyone to be aware that he was "not happy about the ticket."

Grabbing shut-eye on the roof

Sunday, July 29, 2007. 4:32 p.m.

Two people flagged down a university police officer in front of the Antrim-Froggatt-McCalmont building to report that someone appeared to be asleep on the roof of the emergency exit. Further investigation revealed an 18-year-old male was in fact asleep on the roof. When awoken, the subject explained that he been kicked out of his parents' home and had not slept in two days. Menomonie Police officers arrived on the scene and recognized the subject from prior dealings. They claimed the subject was "a bit 10-96," or mentally unsound. After a brief interview, the subject said he would be meeting a friend at Dairy Queen to go stay with him. The subject was advised by officers that he was not allowed on the roofs of any University of Wisconsin buildings and that if he was caught sleeping or causing problems again, he would be arrested for trespassing.

Because Best Buy must have been closed

Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007. 9:10 a.m.

Theft and vandalism were reported at the Merle Price Commons. The contents of the corner planter at the south entrance had been dumped onto the carpet in front of the vending machines.

A large plasma screen television was missing from its wall bracket and several other televisions showed signs of tampering. A saw had been used to cut the brackets where bolts mounted the TV to the wall.

Keep the doors locked, people!

Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007. Between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m.

Two students living in North Hall reported several items stolen from their room. The room's door had been left unlocked. Items stolen included a UW-Stout Hewlett Packard laptop, various computer equipment, a cell phone, a brown trifold wallet, an uncashed check, credit cards and money. There were no witnesses or suspects. The residents were advised to keep their door locked in the future.

Where did you say I was?

Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007. 10:05 p.m.

An inebriated 28-year-old white male was found lying on the ground on the Hovlid Hall side of the walking bridge. The subject was asleep and had urinated on himself. When asked where he thought he was he replied, "Eau Claire." When informed of his actual whereabouts he claimed to have no idea how he had gotten to Menomonie.

Subject waited at nearby restaurant for a ride home.

Fun with fire extinguishers

Monday, Sept. 3, 2007. 4:30 a.m.

Menomonie Fire Department and university police responded to an active fire alarm. An unknown person sprayed a fire extinguisher in the block C 3rd floor west stairwell. The building was searched but the fire extinguisher was not located. There are no suspects or witnesses.

11:04 a.m. A custodian vacuuming the extinguisher residue set off another alarm. Students leaving the building late during the alarm explained that they had delayed their exit thinking it another false alarm. The students were verbally reprimanded.

Caught in the act... of reading The Stoutonia



Send us your pictures of people reading the Stoutonia in unusual places at stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Cramming the dorms

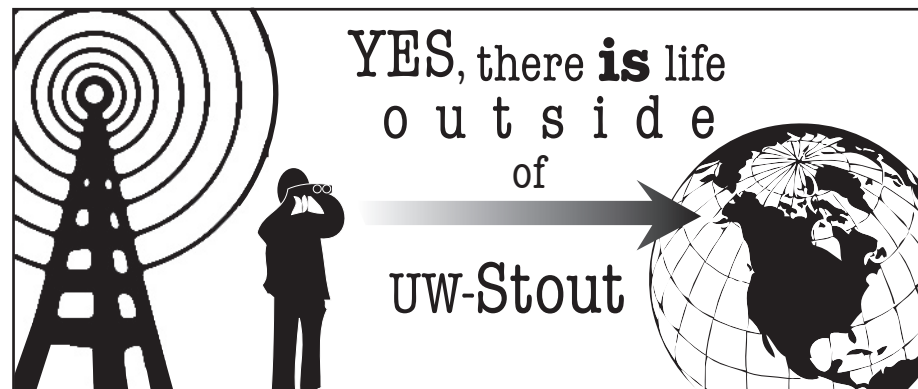


Evan Theurer/Stoutonia

Stout students attempt to fit everything but the kitchen sink into their dorm rooms during residence hall move-in on Sunday afternoon.



Evan Theurer/Stoutonia



Thief literally pulls money out of ass

Michael Marburger, 36, was sentenced to three years in prison for stealing equipment from hospitals in Virginia and five other states and selling it to support his gambling addiction. The equipment in question: 66 colonoscopes.

Marburger pleaded guilty in May to one of 66 counts of transporting stolen goods and agreed to accept responsibility for the other 65 counts. In addition to his jail sentence, he was ordered to pay \$1.6 million in restitution.

According to prosecutors, Marburger sold the colonoscopies to medical equipment exchange businesses for more than \$400,000. Marburger had been a former salesman for a colonoscope maker until he was fired in February 2004, prosecutors said, and knew where the devices would be. The thefts began the next month.

Ohio Congressman found dead

The body of Ohio Rep. Paul Gillmor, a Republican whose political career spanned four decades, was discovered Sept. 5 by staff members who went to his apartment after he failed to show up for work.

There is no immediate word on the cause of his death.

Terrorist plot intercepted in Deutschland

Three men have been arrested in Germany on suspicion of planning a "massive" attack on U.S. facilities in the country.

Federal prosecutor Monika Harms said the three had trained at camps in Pakistan and procured approximately 1500 pounds of chemicals for explosives.

Defense Minister Franz Josef Jung said the men had posed "an imminent threat".

Media reports said the men were planning attacks against a U.S. military base in Ramstein and Frankfurt airports.

How to lose your presidential bid

During a visit to a New Hampshire high school, Republican presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain responded to a pointed question from a 16-year-old student by calling the student a "little jerk."

The student asked McCain, "If elected, you'd be older than Ronald Reagan, making you the oldest president. Do you ever worry that, like, you might die in office or get Alzheimer's or some other disease that might affect your judgment?"

"Thanks for the question, you little jerk... you're drafted," McCain replied after relating a self-deprecating anecdote about his children and maintaining that he could out-campaign his rivals.

Only the best militaries fly nukes over their own territory

According to CNN, military officials have confirmed that six nuclear warheads on cruise missiles were mistakenly carried on a flight from North Dakota to Louisiana last week, prompting a major investigation.

The plane took the cruise missiles from Minot Air Force Base to Barksdale Air Force Base for decommissioning Thursday, the Air Force said.

"This is a major gaffe, and it's going to cause some heads to roll down the line," said Don Shepperd, a retired Air Force major general and military analyst for CNN.

Shepperd said the United States had agreed in a Cold War-era treaty not to fly nuclear weapons. "It appears that what happened was this treaty agreement was violated," he said.

Revenge of Reddenbacher!

According to a warning letter to federal regulators from a doctor at a leading lung research hospital, consumers may be in danger from fumes from the buttery flavoring in microwave popcorn.

A pulmonary specialist at Denver's National Jewish Medical and Research Center has written to federal agencies to say doctors there believe they have the first case of a consumer who developed lung disease from the fumes of microwaving popcorn several times a day for years.

The specialist described progressively worsening respiratory symptoms of coughing and shortness of breath. Tests found the patient's ability to exhale was deteriorating, although his condition seemed to stabilize after he quit using microwave popcorn.

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My summer in Menomonie as a grubby vagabond

By **Chelsea Rickert**
Entertainment Editor

Welcome back to those returning. To those who are gracing us with your presence for the first time, I hope that Menomonie receives you well. I have waited all summer for this moment, not anticipatorily, but with a waxing sense of dread. Your return to this town means two things: the start of the semester, and the death of summer.

For most of us students, summer is a time of recuperation from the previous semesters, which drain the mind and body's resources with all of the homework, tests, labs, part-time jobs, and don't forget the favorite: partying. Yes, summer is a time for some of us to catch up on all of the sleep we've missed for the last eight months.

Some students find their beds at home with the 'rents, which may or may not be an enjoyable experience depending upon the situation. Some of us are lucky enough to have our own place, where we can do whatever we want so long as we pay the rent and take out the garbage. And then there are some that assume the vagabond lifestyle, drifting from one place to the other until

they must finally settle down into a more permanent situation due to the onslaught of the school year.

What do these drifters do all summer? Well, it depends upon the person; a friend of mine hitchhiked to Alaska a couple of summers ago just to say that she could. Summer travel is easy when you can live out of your duffel bag. Some people have a job but don't bother to find a living establishment for the summer, so they mooch off of their friends and sleep on their couches, which, coincidentally, is what I did this summer. Yes, I was pretty much a bum, all summer long. Except I did do my fair share of traveling: Menomonie in the summertime could choke a person.

And, you ask, what is Menomonie in the summertime? I feel like somewhat of an expert on this topic because I have spent almost every summer here since I starting attending the grand establishment that is the University of Wisconsin-Stout, five long years ago.

Menomonie is a peaceful town in the summer, for the most part. College students are gone, along with the raging house parties and the wild bar crowd, the horrible fresh-

man drivers, and the angry Stout Gestapo who try their hardest to keep the peace on campus. During the school year this town is taken over by college students, but the summer gives the locals a chance to breathe and celebrate their town in their own style, with summer festivals, art walks, the county fair, and other nice, quiet activities (quiet, with the exception of the cacophonous derby that happens every week at the fairgrounds).

Of course these events aren't all that Menomonie has to offer a grubby vagabond who lives out of her car. Without my own pad, I had very little chance to be alone with myself since I lived off the graces of my friends (by the way, thanks to everyone who put up with this bum, your generosity prevented me from sleeping in my car). Sometimes one just needs to go off by oneself, but finances don't allow for grand adventures.

So I found myself at the Devil's Punchbowl, a nice little place off of Rustic Road that offers some nice scenery, worthy of photographing. The Hoffman Hills are mostly deserted in the summer. The 'Hills' labyrinth of trails offers a nice little escape from civilization for a couple of hours.

I also fell in love with the downtown

cafes this summer. The Acoustic Cafe had low-key, relaxing music a few times this summer without the crowd that it usually boasts during the school year. Sometimes it's fun to sit back, drink some really good coffee, and let the live music speak to me.

The Raw Deal is a relatively new establishment in the downtown area. This café has WiFi available for its customers, and probably has the best coffee in town. A bottomless cup is about \$1.60. For less than two spankies you can get pretty jazzed up on caffeine. Try the Buzz roast, with an addition to a \$2 wheat grass shot and you'll be invincible all day long.

While I am excited for this school year to get underway, and am ecstatic that most of my friends have come back to town, I will mourn the passing of summer with a bittersweet heart. Menomonie is a fun town when the college students rule it; there's always something to do and you never have to be alone. I just wonder how many of you see and appreciate the side of Menomonie that I've seen, and if you will miss it like I will once you've spread your wings and left this town for a new beginning.

Here for the education, not the experiences

By **Katie Kenner**
Opinions Editor

The importance of a college degree is undisputed. To some, college isn't about the education it is about the experience they have while at college. College can be a wonderful experience and some of the best times of your life, however college should NOT be about the experience, it should be about the education. This will be my fourth and last year at Stout, in which at the end of the year I will graduate with a degree and that will be the most important thing I take from my experience at Stout.

The people that come here for the experience tick me off, because they are the ones who sit and talk all through class, goof off and are frequently tardy. Honesty don't even bother showing up, you are ruining my education as well as the education of others. Last year I had a Finite Math class in which I had a class full of people just biding their time enjoying the experience. They would show up when they felt like it and when they were there they would talk the entire time and not pay attention. When they realized what a hole they dug for themselves they begged the teacher for extra credit, extensions on deadlines and easier tests. First of all I am not that strong in the math field and so the endless distractions were a hinder to my education. Second, I felt really sorry for the teacher because she had to deal with

these dim wits. I finally had enough one day and told them all to SHUT UP. That put a stop for oh about thirty seconds.

Socialization seems to be the main goal of a lot of college students. You aren't in high school anymore where socialization is the main event. Socialization in high school is somewhat ok in my book, because you are not paying to be there you HAVE to be there. But when you reach college socialization skills should be learned elsewhere.

Do you need to spend a few thousand dollars a semester to get them? You can just as easily get socialization skills working at your local Wal-Mart and get paid to do it. College is optional; you are not forced to be here even if your parents did tell you that it isn't an option. College should be seen as a privilege and an opportunity to better your future. As a college grad do you want to look back on college and realize the only thing you took from it was ten random one night stands and a few bar and party friends? Do you want to be thirty and realize you are still paying off that \$30,000 in loans for a lot of hangovers? You may think so now, but you won't then.

College should not be like Van Wilder. College should be seen as your job, not a vacation or a party. Get in, get your education and get out. Sure you may not be in and out in four years but come to college with a purpose. You shouldn't be in college if you really don't want to be here. If dropping out

of school for a year to take a break is what it takes to get focused on school, do it. I have had several friends drop out of school for a period of time and during that time ended up working some low paying job. They came to the realization that they needed an education and went back to school more serious and focused on the job.

Moral of the story is, if you are here for the experience and not the education stop wasting daddy's money or racking up the loans, it's not worth it. And if you are one of those people in class ticking me off socializing the whole time and goofing off you will be sure to hear a word or two from me!



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Parchment in a lap top world

By **Tony Nelson**
Editor in Chief

I'm a little bitter. Maybe it's my age. Or is it that this just doesn't make sense.

This is my third full semester at Stout and I have come across my third class that the instructor does not allow the use of the laptop during class time. Yeah. Let me check something out – hang tight. Shuffle, shuffle. Click, click, click. Hmmmm. I see ... interesting.

According to the UW-Stout home page for the e-Scholar Program, "The e-Scholar Program is the digital learning environment at UW-Stout which offers students a variety of opportunities to be successful in achieving their academic goals. The e-Scholar Program is included in all undergraduate student tuition."

So, I pay money, by way of tuition per credit, to use this tool to achieve my academic goals. Uh-huh. So far nothing about use or restrictions of laptops, just that I pay part of my tuition for each class for use of a laptop. It's got to be here somewhere...

Click. Hmmmm, click. Yes, here it is...laptop and electronic communication guidelines for faculty and staff <www.uwstout.edu/es/facstaff/LaptopEtiquetteand-Guidelines.shtml>

"During class, students should use laptops as a learning tool." Why, this is great! I even said that earlier...what else is here...

- During class, students should not check e-mail, browse the Internet, instant message, play games or perform other off-task activities.

That makes sense. Preoccupation with those tasks just wouldn't get you ahead in class – you'd be the loser-in-learning in the end.

- Engage in class activity actively. This includes making eye contact, paying attention and staying on task. The computer should not become a barrier to one-on-one interaction, but instead should help facilitate the exchange of ideas and engagement in classroom contact.

Once again, I totally agree. It's common sense.

- Use laptops for specific classroom tasks as assigned by the instructor including taking notes, conducting research required for activities, and other assignments.

Taking notes! Eureka. It states that I should take notes with my laptop. But why don't these instructors want me to take notes with my laptop? From my understanding, it is because of the distraction to the student doing the surfing, emailing, Facebooking, etc, and to the idiot students that are looking over the surfer's shoulder at what they are doing. From this distraction, their grades drop.

So, it comes down to because some other student is having trouble in a class because they are not responsible enough to pay attention in class, I get my privilege to take notes with my laptop taken away. This seems a little childish to me. How does this demonstrate to students how to be a responsible adult and take responsibility for their actions?

I've been writing for one newspaper or another for the past five years, and I just can't do it. When I conduct an interview, I need my laptop to keep me focused on what the person is saying. When writing with pen on paper, either I have to pay attention to what I'm writing or I am not able to decipher it later. And that doesn't lead to good notes or to engage actively in the class. I've tried taking notes by hand before and it just doesn't work for me – my grades actually go down because I can't read my notes. I'm not sure what to do. I could use my voice recorder...wait. Nope, not doable either by the instructors syllabus.

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Maybe I should drop the class and try to get one that I can use my laptop for notes. That would probably send my projected graduation schedule off a year if I had to do that.

I could ask for part of my tuition back for these classes. That'd go over like a Leroy Jenkins move.

So, I guess I've got to talk to the instructor. Maybe I can use my advancing age

to win their heart and allow me a compensation to be able to use my laptop for notes.

I'm spending too much money not to be able to use it in the class room of a "laptop campus."

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Sept 18, '07:

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Fun in the sun with Backyard Bash



Chelsea Rickert/Stoutonia

Above: Hundreds of students gathered together on the South Lawn Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the Backyard Bash for free food, live entertainment, campus and student organization information and communion with fellow students. Right: The Mighty Short Bus, a rock 'n' roll group from Madison, Wis. with a sound similar to Lynard Skynard and the Black Crowes, entertained students as they walked around the Backyard Bash. Below, left: Threads is the new kid on the block. This organization is in its freshman year and invites students to share and learn skills in the fiber arts, such as knitting, needlepoint, Chinese embroidery and other crafts. Below, right: The University of Wisconsin-Stout Auto Club showed off their monstrous go-kart creation inspired from a '50s slingshot drag racer. The vehicle is affectionately dubbed by the Auto Club as "The Bad Idea."



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Sometimes funny comedians find their way here

Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Beginning with a good Buzz

Buzz Sutherland, voted Comedian of the Year 16 times by the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA), is a man bursting with unique sound effects and a zest for improv. Sutherland graced the Pawn Patio with his exuberant presence for the fifth time on Sunday night, Sept. 2 in as many years.

"I love the show 'Cops' because the camera man is the only one who can keep up with the criminal," said Sutherland in his opening act.

The topic somehow morphed from the police following camera cables to find the suspects hiding in the bushes, to somewhat cliché but well-executed Crocodile Hunter jokes.

Sutherland has worked the college beat for the past seven years and found his breakthrough with his most famous skit, "Duck Job," one of the most downloaded files on the Internet. In a high-pitched, wheezy voice reminiscent of Donald Duck,

Sutherland goes through the memorable "Duck Job" skit and uses his signature character voice with a myriad of funny expressions strategically placed to punctuate sections of his act. He ended jokes with the voice, and sang an old school LL Cool J song. At one point during the show he called upon a female audience member and did his best to embarrass her with his "Duck Job" voice, details of the ordeal omitted.

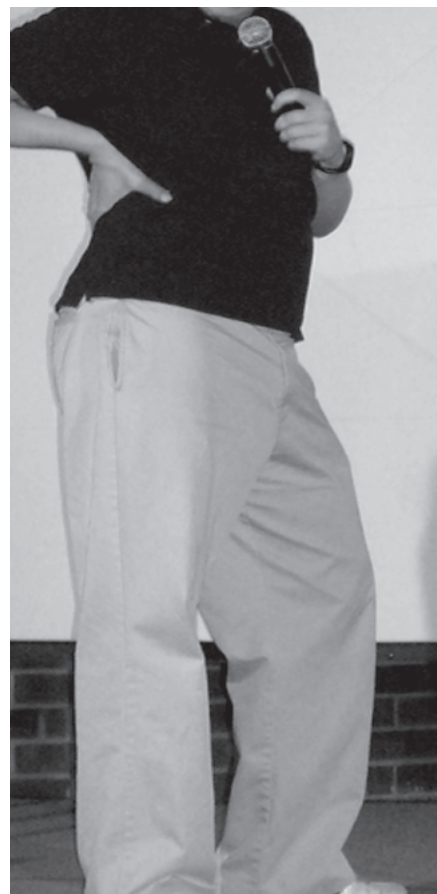
In fact, Sutherland is an expert at incorporating the audience into his skit, which also means that he has great ability to make funny on the spot, as opposed to well-rehearsed skits comedians usually follow.

When three female college students pranced by the stage on their way to leave halfway through his show on Sunday, Sutherland addressed them (no doubt in mockery) and once they were out of earshot he whispered a derogatory word aimed at them, which also tied back to a skit he had just completed about how vicious women are behind the backs of other women. The timing was impeccable, and the audience responded with applause and laughter.

One portion of Sutherland's show incorporated three reluctant male audience members, whom the comic referred to as "Cupcake," "Muffin," and "Puddin'," the last of whom was by far the most reluctant of the three.

With encouragement from the crowd, the young men found themselves onstage, shoulder to shoulder with Buzz Sutherland, working out unconventional dance moves.

Once the three were warmed up and shaking their booties in unison, Sutherland began to undo his belt stripper-style. "Cupcake" and "Muffin" were the first to notice and leap off the stage in order to protect their



masculinity, but "Puddin'," who had needed the most cajoling to get upon the stage, must have come out of his shell during the dance, and made the most of the moment by bending over and backing his booty up to Sutherland, who then proceeded to spank the young man with his belt.

Sutherland said that the comedian Jerry Seinfeld had inspired him to begin his career as a traveling comic when he visited Sutherland's college and gave such an awesome performance that he decided he would follow in the now-legendary comedian's shoes.

"I was 16 [credits] shy of completing a double major when I decided to just drop everything and do comedy," said Sutherland. He has no regrets about the path he's chosen, and he enjoys touring the college circuit and relating to college students.

"It makes me feel like I'm 19 again," he said. "It's a great feeling when people half my age see my skits and go 'man, that's funny.'"

At the end of the show, Sutherland took on a serious tone and warned his audience about the dangers of drunk driving. "You're in college, go out and party and have a good time, but please make the right decision and refrain from driving," he said.

"I am really serious about this," he told The Stoutonia after his show. "If even one person takes to heart what I said then I know I've served my purpose."

Hangin' with the Holmes

Two nights later, the University of Wisconsin-Stout played host to another comedi-



Chelsea Rickert/Stoutonia

Blue Devil Productions has assembled an excellent entertainment line-up for the upcoming semester. The first two acts to perform for the students were comedians Buzz Sutherland, voted Comedian of the Year 16 times, and Pete Holmes, a 28-year-old native of New York. Each comedian had buckets full of laughs in their shows and were well-received by the crowd. Some of the jokes were delightfully tacky, others were complex and convoluted, and impromptu, unrehearsed humor speckled both acts.

an traveling around the college circuit by the name of Pete Holmes.

Being a 28-year-old native of New York, Holmes made it clear that he was out of his natural element in the "wilds" of Menomonie, Wis. The show was outside on the Pawn Patio, a first for Holmes.

"I'm freaking out about all of these insects flying at my face!" he exclaimed at the beginning of the show. "I am a gigantic worrier."

In fact, he ruminated, he was just plain gigantic. Standing six feet six inches tall, Holmes referred to himself by names like "Sasquatch" and "Yeti."

Like Sutherland, Holmes has a knack for incorporating the audience into his show. He also makes the show personal and unique to the location, as he learns and observes specific things about the community and makes sure he lets the locals know what's funny about it.

Like he mentioned his wariness of the bugs and whatever mystery diseases they might carry, he spoke of our green "Lake Melanoma." He was also aware that Menomonites are drinkers who ride the "drunk short bus wearing safety helmets" to the bars and then to Jeff and Jim's.

Holmes professes that he is always aware when he is driving through Wisconsin because all he sees are billboards for fireworks, porn and firearms.

"I think that's awesome," he said, "because no matter what, something explodes." He also added that it didn't make up for the fact



that he had no cell phone service, which was dangerous driving around Wisconsin alone in the dark because of the threat of "midget serial killers" hiding in his back seat.

Holmes' natural ability to pick the important things up about the community he is traveling to, and then shedding funny light on it from an outsider's perspective, is a unique comedic talent.

More information about the comedian can be found at www.PeteHolmes.com, along with funny clips, cartoons and movies.

Fending off the “Freshman 15” | The fabled fatness can be avoided

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

A college career offers many gains in one's life: a better job and higher pay and an opportunity to gain a new perspective on life. As rewarding as it is to make gains in college, gaining extra pounds should not be a part of the experience.

For many students, unexpected and undesired weight gain is an all too real part of college life. The good news, however, is that it doesn't have to be. Gaining the dreaded “Freshman 15” is just as easy as not gaining it. In fact, keeping unwanted pounds away is, well, easy as pie.

Free at last!

Life as a college student brings about the presence of new freedoms, such as the freedom to choose if one should consume the entire box of cake rolls, or offer one to a roommate instead. Point being, feeding oneself often turns to sugary junk food because it's fast and easy. Such habits, while okay once in a great while, must be avoided in order to maintain a healthier body and mind.

Similarly, carbohydrates are a less obvious, but still a culprit of instant gratification that can lead to instant weight gain. Many forms of carbohydrates, such as those found in pastas, breads and related foods, fills up the tummy rather quickly, but that full feeling dissipates just as quickly, leaving one battling hunger and a noticeable lack of energy.

As tempting as chocolates, chips and late night pizza can be, refraining from constant indulgences will yield a slimmer, healthier and essentially happier being. The choice is easy enough, so choose wisely.

Shake that thang!

Exercise is another crucial part of fending off undesired pounds. When a case of the “munchies” is present, take a break from staring at the mini-fridge and go for a short walk

or run. In case of rain, turn up the music and dance. The simple act of moving rather than eating will not only help to stave off hunger, but will also keep boredom eating from becoming a habitual problem.

According to Ezine.com, almost half of all adults turn to food to stifle feelings of boredom, or to cope with bad moods. Most people realize that food works to temporarily distract us from the boredom while also calming and soothing the body.

Such truths highlight the realization that hunger is not always a factor in overeating.

Covering emotions with food, as previously stated, is only a temporary fix. It is smarter to investigate healthier and more substantial ways to deal with one's emotions, rather than turning to food, which may only further intensify problems later on.

For most students, boredom also causes feelings of extreme laziness. Although becoming a couch potato is a far cry from a healthy option, it does not have to be the downfall of what could be a healthier lifestyle.

If moving just isn't an option, look beyond troubling emotions and reach past the instantly gratifying foods for something more substantial and reasonable.

Grabbing a piece of fruit or fresh veggies will not only cure hunger pangs, but it will also provide more energy and stamina, all with far fewer calories and sugar than other carb- and sugar-packed snacks.

Chug-a-lug!

Beware of beverages. The worst culprits that pack on extra pounds are those that most college students cannot bear to live without. Coffee drinks that take more than two breaths to order are amongst the worst.

Because beverages are not filling, many forget how quickly they add to one's waistline. Most specialty coffee drinks are best saved for dessert, rather than an every morning pick-me-up. On the same note, parties that involve alcohol will also very quickly take a toll on one's health.

Weightlossforall.com details the average number of calories in alcoholic beverages. Beer weighs in at 184 calories per half liter. Hard liquors, however, such as rum, brandy and gin are reported to contain a whopping 220 calories per 100 milliliters! In such scenarios where drinks flow freely, the calories can add up quickly.

The physical repercussions of alcoholic beverages is far less than stellar—it's not called a “beer gut” for nothing!

Fast, Free Food!

Any time the words “free” and “food” are found in the same sentence, it is a good bet that most college students will jump at the opportunity. After all, there's no reason not to! However, free food often comes in the all-you-can-eat variety, which tempts students to overindulge. When the saving is done in the stomach rather than alternative containers, there's a good chance that although one's mouth says “more, please!” the stomach tends to say otherwise.

Similar situations, such as loading up a tray at the cafeteria, often yield excess calories that taste good for the moment, but can be rather awful later.

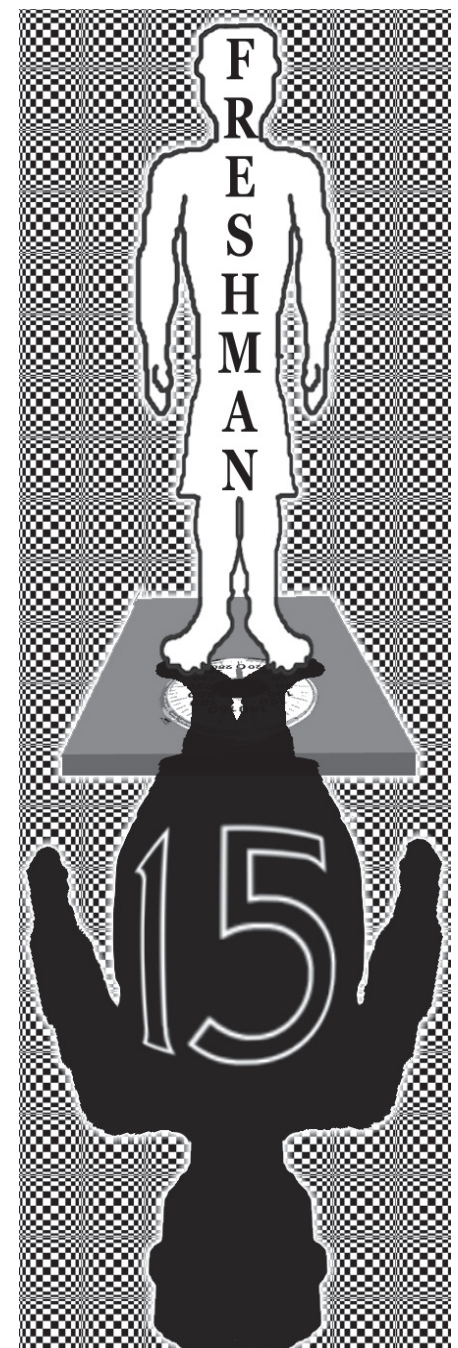
Because every body is different, it is important to keep in mind that what is good for one person may not necessarily be good for another. Web sites such as mypyramid.gov offer a colorful and interactive look at individualized personal needs for a variety of body types and activity levels. Taking the time to evaluate this information based on one's body can offer a wealth of insight as to what is needed to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Likewise, bodies change as people change. As a person ages, metabolism slows. Mypyramid.gov also states that, “adults will typically experience a two to three percent drop in metabolism with every ten years, mostly due to increased body fat with age...” This information, though seemingly pointless now, should be taken into consideration.

It is far easier to establish healthy eating habits now, rather than waiting until the later adult years when it is essentially a must. This Web site also offers the following tips for boosting metabolism:

College can be overwhelming, and for many, worrying about weight and health is one of the last things to be considered. However, without making a conscious decision to be careful of one's eating habits, it's easy to fall into unhealthy patterns that could lead to problems later on.

This does not mean that junk food and being lazy must be avoided at all times. Moderation is key to maintaining a healthy body and lifestyle. By considering the aforementioned dietary suggestions and making active choices about a healthy diet and lifestyle, the fabled “Freshman 15” will amount to nothing more than a fable.



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

Tips to Boost Your Metabolism

1. Don't skip meals

Skipping meals causes the metabolism to slow down, as the body burns fewer calories to compensate for a reduced food intake. Additionally, eating healthy food helps you to burn calories, since the body uses energy for digestion.

2. Try drinking green tea

Research from Switzerland has shown that individuals who consume green tea extract, in combination with caffeine, have a 4 percent increase in metabolic rate

3. Include protein with each meal and snack

Protein can help to keep metabolism at an optimal level... protein sources include fish, poultry, dairy and eggs.

4. Start pumping iron

Lifting weights helps to build more muscle mass, and muscle is more metabolically active (which means it burns more calories) than fat. The more muscle you have, the more calories you will burn throughout the day, even when you are not exercising.

It's not easy being green | Young people band together to create new festival

Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

The first annual New Earth Festival will be held on County Road D in Fall Creek, Wis. on Sept. 14 and 15.

The New Earth Festival will not only give a chance for local artists to showcase their talents, but will bring the community together in an artistic environment.

This festival is the brainchild of local artists. Two University of Wisconsin-Stout students, Joel Mathias and Matt Houdek, combined their efforts with members of Wise Radio in Eau Claire, Wis., an independent radio station that is partnered with Northern Thunder.

"We started to put together what we thought would be a good music festival," said Mathias, a third year psychology major. "We thought it would be nice to combine music and arts with the green theme."

In accordance with the "green theme," the festival will be a low-impact, waste-free event.

Fest-goers are encouraged to be eco-friendly and "bring their own cups and spoons." Mathias and company are work-

ing with the UW-Stout Greensense chapter to monitor recycling and waste practices at the event.

"There will be something for everyone," said Mathias. In addition to the 20 bands that will be playing throughout the festival there will be children's activities, various visual art exhibits, a green business expo, beer tasting, various workshops and "camping under the stars."

There are many businesses concerned with being eco-friendly and "green" that are participating in the festival, including Next Step Energy, Bubbling Springs Solar, Just Local Food, Water Source Heating and Cooling, Beaver Creek Reserve and many more.

Gates open at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14. Presale tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at Katmandu store locations, Johnny's Market, Stave & Hoop Liquor, Fall Creek Unity Bank or online at www.newearthfest.com.

Directions and more information can also be found at this Web site. Tickets at the gate are \$45.00.

Both of these ticket prices include camping and parking for both days. There is also a \$15.00 Saturday Only pass available for purchase at the gate.



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Monday September 17th @ 7:30pm

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WHO: The Entire Stout Community is Welcome

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University Theatre Open House & Pizza Party

WHEN: Tuesday September 11th @ 7:00PM

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Coach Duey Naatz's first career win

By Ryan McGlennen
Sports Editor

After 17 years as a University of Wisconsin-Stout assistant coach, Duey Naatz has obtained the role of head coach of the Blue Devil football team. Naatz is replacing Todd Strop, who turned in his letter of resignation last semester after three years of serving the UW-Stout football team.

Duey Naatz came to UW-Stout from the University of North Dakota in 1990, where he served as a graduate assistant for the NCAA Division II Fighting Sioux football team. The last eight years of his career were spent as an assistant head coach and offensive line coach.

During his career at UW-Stout, Naatz has assisted three different head coaches and has been given the assignment of coaching running backs, defensive backs, offensive linemen and the role of the offensive coordinator.

Naatz's career as the head football coach is off to a good start. Hoping to improve their overall record from last year's 3-7, the Blue Devils have made a great start by defeating Menlo College on Aug. 31.

It isn't about Missouri-Rolla, it's about us. We need to take care of getting better at the things that we have identified in the game films.

Coach Duey Naatz

Early in the game, the Blue Devils fell to 7-3, but quickly responded with two touchdowns in the second quarter. One trip to the endzone was contributed by a pass from Tanner Kattre to Patrick Mangelkoch. The other was scored again by Kattre, this time rushing for 15 yards before entering the endzone. The Blue Devils finished the first half with a 17-7 lead over the Menlo College Oaks.

After an early third quarter fumble recovery return by Shay Lehman, the UW-Stout Blue Devils appeared to have had the game in hand. As the game clock reached the fourth quarter, the

Blue Devils had what seemed to be an unsurpassable lead of 24-7.

To the surprise of many, Menlo College battled back in the fourth quarter, scoring two passing touchdowns in the last three minutes of the game. Momentum was on Menlo College's side until the final horn sounded, sealing a 24-19 win over Menlo College in the UW-Stout 2007 game opener at Don & Nona Williams Stadium, giving first year head coach Duey Naatz his first career win.



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The Blue Devils begin a two game road trip in their regular season schedule this weekend. The trip begins with a ten-hour bus ride to NCAA Division II Missouri-Rolla, playing again against a team the Blue Devils have not yet met.

When asked about game preparation regarding Missouri-Rolla, coach Naatz said, "It isn't about Missouri-Rolla, it's about us. We need to take care of getting better at the things that we have identified in the game films."

He added, "Missouri plays a similar type of defense and offense that the team we just played; very similar. It's more about us making adjustments and getting better at our weaknesses than what they do."

The game takes place on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. It will be broadcasted on WMEQ-AM 880 radio as well as the Internet at www.wmeq.com.



Photo by Ryan McGlennen

After nearly two decades of working as an assistant coach under three different head coaches, Duey Naatz was finally given the opportunity to take control of a collegiate organization. Thanks to his impressive debut on Aug. 31, the Blue Devil football team now holds a record of 1-0.



Tanner Kattre

Senior starting quarterback for the Blue Devils football team, this 6-foot-3-inch, 205 pound business major from Abbotsford, Wis. started for the Blue Devils in 2006, and played in nine games in 2005.



In the 2007 Blue Devils game opener against Menlo College, Kattre managed to fill the statistics board as both a rusher as well as an efficient passer. Although he did throw one interception during the game, Kattre managed to take over.

Advancing the ball in his own hands, Kattre rushed 15 times for a total of 62 yards, with one rushing touchdown. He also threw the ball 19 times, connecting 12 of those throws to his intended receiver. He ended the day with 142 passing yards, one touchdown, and a passer rating of 132.78.

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Blue Devil Football

1-0 The UW-Stout Football team started the season with a win over a new opponent, Menlo College. The Blue Devils got off to a slow start but managed some points at the end of the first half, beating the Menlo College Oaks 24-19.

Next game: (Away) At Missouri-Rolla on Sat. Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.



Women's Golf

The Women's golf team opened their season at an Eau Claire invite. At this event Molly Loney finished within the top 30 players after the first day. She stroked an 84, tying for 27th place. On her second day, Loney matched her first day score of 84, finishing the open with 168 strokes, ending the competition in 17th place in the 109 player field.

Next meet: At UW-Oshkosh on Sept. 8-9.



Blue Devil Tennis

2-0 The tennis team opened the season with two quick wins over Edgewood College and Lawrence University on Sept. 1. The Blue Devils beat Edgewood College 8-1 in the season opener, and then beat Lawrence University with the same score of 8-1.

Next Game: (Away) Fri., Sept. 7 at UW-Whitewater at 3 p.m.



Blue Devil Soccer

1-2-0 UW-Stout's Katie Ness and Laura Howard scored two goals within four minutes of each other early in the first half of the game. The Women's soccer team managed to pick up their first win of the season on Wednesday Sept. 5, beating Bethel University 2-1.

Next Game: (Home) Sat. Sept. 8, at 7:00pm.

Stout football team wins season opener | Women's tennis team serves first two opponents | Women's soccer team obtains their first win of the season

Are you serious Michigan?

By Joel Duncan
Sports Writer

Last Saturday, sports fans nationwide were treated to a facet of sports known as the upset. A school from rural Boone, North Carolina came into The Big House at the University of Michigan and crafted one of the most stunning victories in the history of Division I-A football.

The Appalachian State University Mountaineers executed their game plan to perfection by controlling the game via offense, defense and special teams. The latter was the icing on the cake as a blocked field goal with six seconds on the clock that finalized the score 34-32.

Many college football experts had picked Michigan to win out their schedule, the Big Ten, and the coveted BCS bowl win. The reason for these high standards are due to the return of seven starters to a previously explosive offense combined with a defense that finished number one in the Big Ten. They also possess two legitimate Heisman Trophy candidates in senior quarterback Chad Henne and senior tailback Mike Hart.

Even with all those lofty expectations, the Michigan Wolverines could not contain the two-time defending national champions of Division I-AA football. Appalachian State fol-

lowed the three essential keys to winning a football game: win the turnover battle, execute on special teams and control the time of possession.

No matter what the teams are or how big of an underdog a team may be, if a team can win in two or three of those areas of a game, it has an excellent chance of coming up with a victory.

With the loss, Michigan watched themselves fall completely out of the AP Top 25 Polls. They were previously ranked number five and now face an uphill battle to reclaim their stake as a national powerhouse.

To add insult to injury, Michigan's greatest rival, Ohio State, watched as their fans began purchasing Appalachian State memorabilia at alarming rates to remind the Michigan fans of their season opening flop.



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Thursday, September 6

- Late Laptop Deployment/ Refresh. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
- Sorority Formal Recruitment. 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ballrooms, MSC
- UW-Stout Dance Team Auditions for 2007 – 2008 Dance Team. Informational Meeting. 7 p.m. Northwoods Room, MSC.

Friday, September 7

- Late Laptop Deployment/ Refresh. 9:30 a.m. to Noon. Great Hall, MSC.
- Sorority Formal Recruitment. 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Ballrooms, MSC
- Saturday, September 8
- UW-Stout Dance Team Auditions for 2007 – 2008 Dance Team. 10 a.m. West Gym, Johnson Field House

Monday, September 10

- Job Search Strategies Workshop. 12:20 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building
- University Recreation/ Stout Adventures Rock Climbing Free Week until September 14. 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- University Recreation/ Health and Fitness Center Group Fitness Extravaganza. Free Week until September 14. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. West Gym, Lower Level Sports and Fitness Center
- Stout Women's Club Hockey Information Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Ballroom C, MSC

Tuesday, September 11

- Fall Tuition Payment of \$200 minimum due.
- University Recreation/ Stout Adventures Rock Climbing Free Week until September 14. 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- 23rd Annual Great American Cookout. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. South Campus Mall
- Interviewing Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, September 12

- How to Find a Co-op/ Internship workshop. 1:25 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building.
- University Recreation/ Stout Adventures Rock Climbing Free Week until September 14. 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Thursday, September 13

- University Recreation/ Stout Adventures Rock Climbing Free Week until September 14. 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Resume Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building
- Scholarship Reception – Donor Reception. 5:30 p.m. Ballrooms, MSC.
- Scholarship Reception – Awards Ceremony. 7 p.m. Great Hall, MSC.
- Scholarship Reception – Dessert Reception. 8:30 p.m. Terrace, MSC.

Friday, September 14

- University Recreation/ Stout Adventures Rock Climbing Free Week until September 14. 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday, September 17

- Resume Workshop. 1:25 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building
- University Theatre auditions for “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” musical. 5 p.m. Room 118, Harvey Hall Theatre.
- University Theatre auditions for “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” musical. 7:30 p.m. Room 118, Harvey Hall Theatre.

Tuesday, September 18

- International Students – How to Find a Co-op/ Internship Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, September 19

- Interviewing Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

Entertainment

Thursday, September 6

- Ha Ha Tonka – music. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC.
- Shrek the Third – movie. 9 p.m. Red Cedar Lawn

Friday, September 7

- Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End – movie. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

Saturday, September 8

- Yeshuapolooza 2007: Free Live Music. Street Level's College Block Party. 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. UW – Stout MSC Lawn.

Thursday, September 13

- Chris Koza with Haley Bonar – music. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC.
- Night at the Museum – movie. 9 p.m. Red Cedar Lawn.

Wednesday, September 19

- Bridge Fest. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. North Campus Footbridge

Athletics

Friday, September 7

- Tennis @ UW-Whitewater. 3 p.m.
- Volleyball @ Augsburg Tournament vs. Northland. 4 p.m.
- Volleyball @ Augsburg Tournament vs. St. Thomas. 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 8

- Women's Golf @ UW-Oshkosh Invite, Eagle Creek Golf Course, Hortonville, WI.
- Tennis @ UW-Whitewater Invite
- Volleyball @ Augsburg Tournament vs. Macalester. 11 a.m.
- Volleyball @ Augsburg Tournament vs. Place Games. 1/3 p.m.
- Football @ Missouri-Rolla. 6:30 p.m.
- Soccer vs. Gustavus Adolphus. 7 p.m.

Sunday, September 9

- Women's Golf @ UW-Oshkosh Invite,

Eagle Creek Golf Course, Hortonville, WI.

- Soccer vs. St. Norbert College. 1 p.m.
- Tennis @ Beloit College. 10 a.m.
- Men's Golf @ Augsburg Invite, Crow River GC, Hutchinson, MN. 1 p.m.

Monday, September 10

- Men's Golf at Augsburg Invite, Chaska Town Course, Chaska, MN. 10 a.m.

Wednesday, September 12

- Volleyball vs. Northwestern College. 7 p.m.

Friday, September 14

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- Volleyball @ Bridge Tournament in Superior vs. Lakehead. 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 15

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- Volleyball @ Bridge Tournament in Duluth, MN vs. St. Scholastica. 3 p.m.
- Soccer @ UW-Platteville. 5 p.m.

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Monday, September 17

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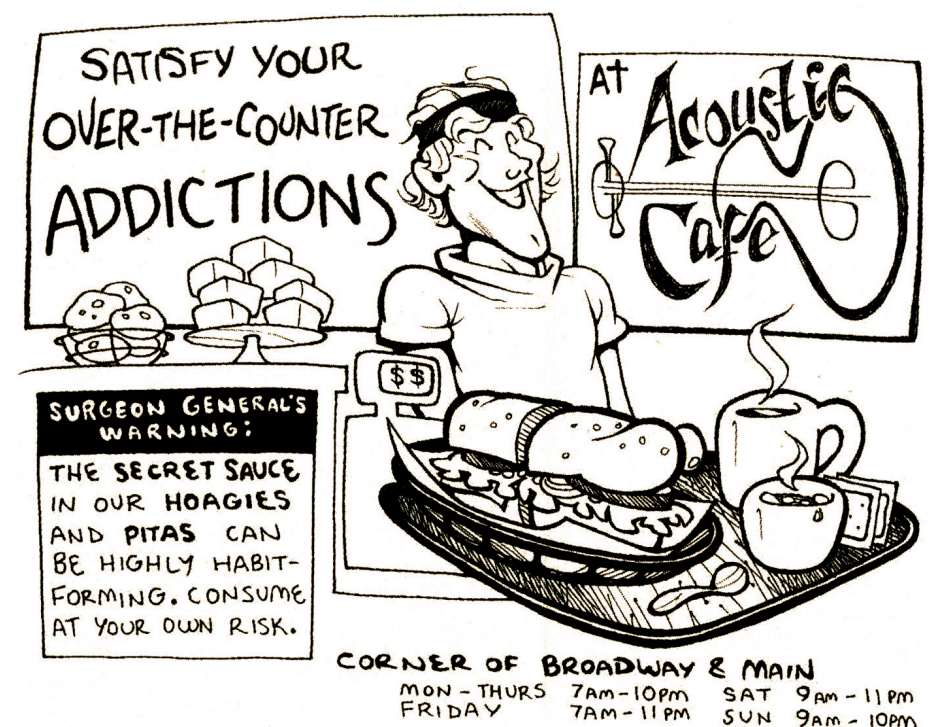
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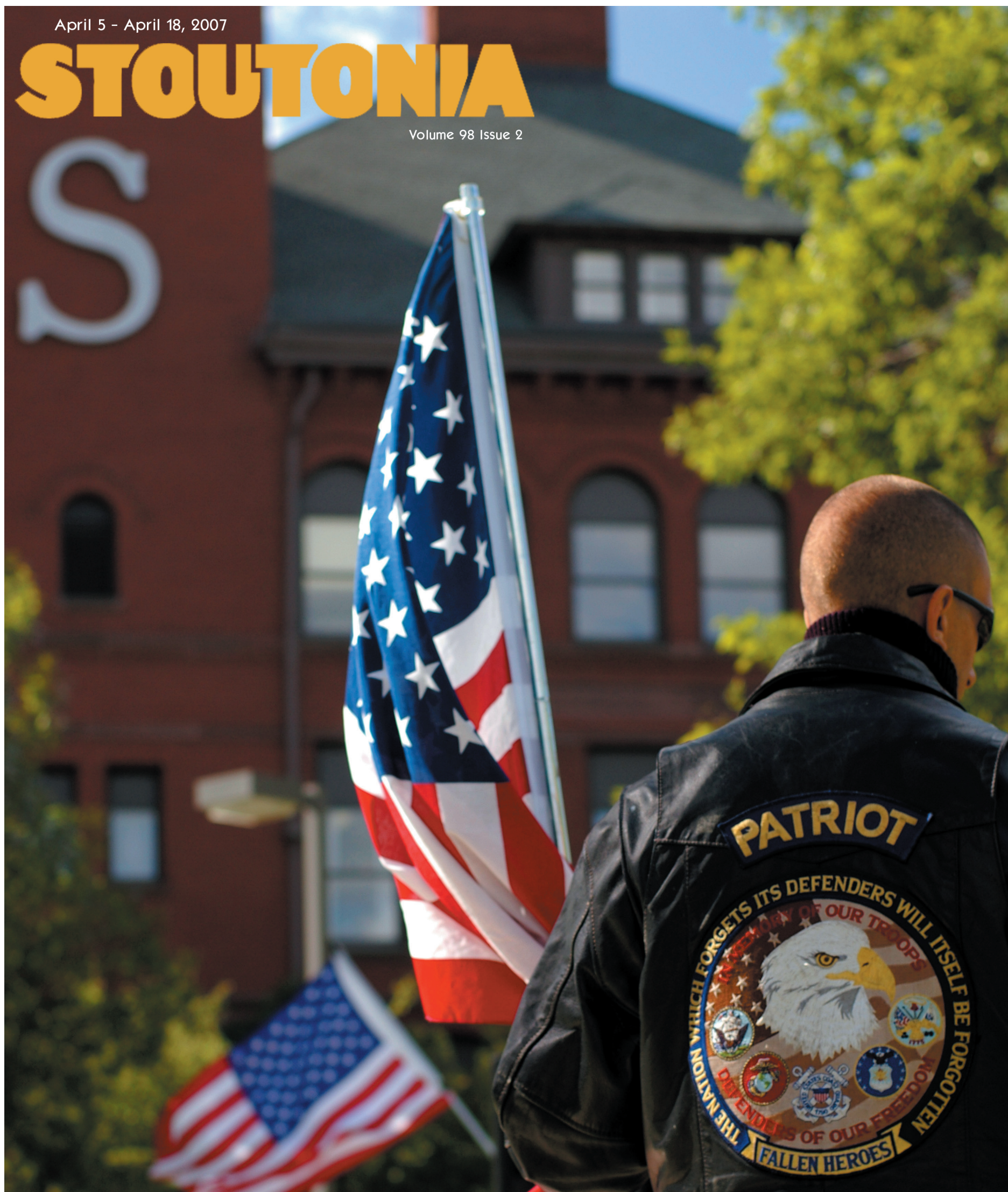
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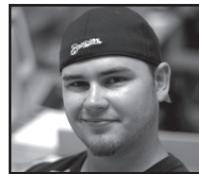
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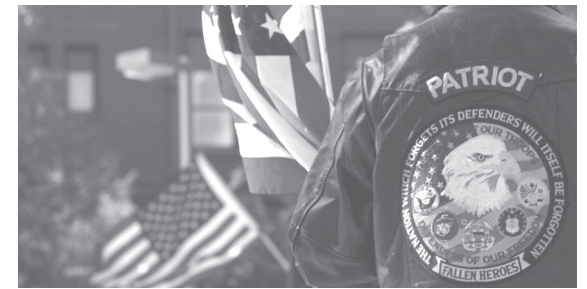
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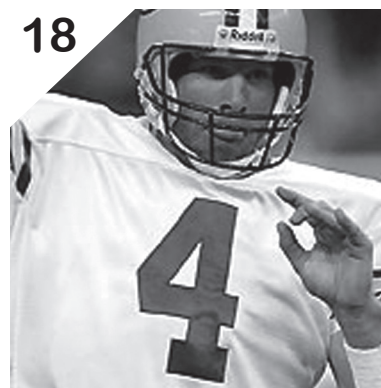
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Laptop refresh victim to faulty number crunching

Amanda Schield
News Editor

As part of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's e-Scholar program, the university leases laptop computers and issues them to students on a two-year replacement cycle. The laptops are distributed to students during specific deployment sessions four times a year.

The first week of classes was one of those deployment sessions. The process by which students turn in their old laptops for newer models is known as a laptop "refresh."

This year the refresh went dry during its first day and not everyone who was supposed to get a new machine—approximately 350 students—did. So what happened?

An entire network of people is involved in the deployment of laptops every semester and the fall rollout is the largest. The Budget, Planning and Analysis Department predicts the number of machines needed for the entire student population early in the year. The orders are placed in June for new laptops according to this prediction. A great deal of

planning and analysis goes into determining this order, with a complex formula that takes into account, among other things, the number of students who used the e-Scholar program during the previous year. The department also plans for new trends in enrollment, which involves larger student population numbers, transfer students and the fact that not everyone chooses to take advantage of the e-Scholar program.

After the Budget, Planning and Analysis Department crunches the numbers, the Financial Committee assigned to the e-Scholar program recommends a number of machines to be ordered based on these predictions. However, they must also take into consideration some students register and never attend, and some students are not due to have a new machine for another year or so. With 100 transfer students added to the university system on Aug. 31, the accuracy of these predictions is somewhat murky.

Next, working on the educated guesses of the Budget and Analysis committee, a smaller committee of members within the fi-



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nancial group contacts the computer vendors and orders the number of computers needed. This happens in June. However, it is not until August that the majority of laptop deployment begins.

When it became evident during the August deployment that there was a shortage of laptops, the university made the only decision it could and deployed the new machines to new students. Returning students were told that they would be contacted as soon as new machines were available.

"I'm taking a fresh look at the data to say, okay, something went wrong," said Jane Henderson, the e-Scholar program coordinator. "Where did it happen, and how can we keep it from happening again?"

For the time being, most of the replacement Apple and Hewlett Packard machines have been received. According to Henderson, "Now, it is just a matter of getting them imaged and setting up a schedule for deployment with times and rooms to accommodate those students affected."

Career Conference to host 250 employers

Lauren Jackson
Writer Editor

Each year the Career Services office at the University of Wisconsin-Stout hosts a three-day conference to give students an opportunity to meet and discuss career opportunities with potential employers. This year's Career Conference will be held on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center and will take place from Tuesday, Oct. 9 to Thursday, Oct. 11.

Sponsored by the Career Services Office, this is possibly the largest and longest-running conference of its kind in the Midwest with more than 250 employers attending.

Company booths will be spread throughout the Great Hall and the various Ballrooms. Each day will feature a different group of employers specific to majors on campus. The Career Services Web site, www.uwstout.edu/careers, has a full listing of what companies will be on site on each day.

"I figure the Career Conference will allow me to network with potential employers," said Kari Curtis, a senior in service management who plans to attend the conference. "It's a good way to be a self-advertisement and show what I can offer employers and see what they can offer me."

The conference is open to all students and is free of charge. Community members seeking full-time professional positions are encouraged to participate in the career conference as well, as many employers looking for full-time employees within the community will be present on all three days. This is a

great opportunity to not only gain experience with networking and practicing professional attitudes but also for exploring possible career options.

Career Services are available before the conference to help with setting up a CareerLink account, revising resumes or improving interviewing skills. CareerLink is another way to contact employers who are not on campus but are looking to hire students. It also enables students to upload resumes and cover letters and to search for specific job openings.

The following workshops will be held before the conference: how to find a co-op or internship, resume writing, interviewing skills, portfolio information, managing your web presence and visibility, cover letters and professional communication and information for international students on how to find a co-op or internship.

The date, time and location of these workshops can be found under Workshops & Classes in the "Student" section of the Career Services Web site.

Students are not required to register to attend and can just show up at the scheduled time.

Student volunteer opportunities are also available. Volunteering demonstrates campus involvement, boosts your resume and allows you to work closely with visiting employers. If interested in volunteering in areas like marketing, employer relations or registration, contact Career Services at careerconference@uwstout.edu.



Helpful tips from Career Services

With these helpful hints from Career services, you can be better prepared for the Career Conference to make a better impression:

1) Wear professional clothing.

A conservative two-piece business suit for both men and women with a white or pastel shirt/blouse under it is acceptable. Men should remember to wear ties.

2) Use your manners.

Don't interrupt a conversation, introduce yourself, be enthusiastic and ask questions.

3) Bring numerous copies of contact information.

Include resume and business cards with contact information. Include in your resume previous employment, business skills and education information.

4) Follow-up on good contacts.

If you do make a good contact with a representative, follow-up with them. Send a short e-mail or letter within two days of the conversation thanking them for their time, and mention any specific points you discussed so they better remember you.

Chancellor signs climate agreement

Amanda Scheild
News Editor

University of Wisconsin-Stout Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment on Sept. 12. The agreement is a promise by college and university leaders nationwide to reduce and ultimately neutralize greenhouse gas emissions on their campuses and to provide their graduates the education to help society to do the same.

Sorensen, along with the staff and administration at UW-Stout joined at least 375 other campus leaders in becoming a Charter Signatory of the climate commitment document on Wednesday of last week. The request to sign the document was brought by the Stout Student Association and supported by leadership on the Chancellor's Advisory Council.

The climate commitment agreement states that those involved are "deeply concerned about the unprecedented scale and speed of global warming and its potential for large-scale, adverse health, social, economic and ecological effects." The commitment recognizes the scientific consensus that global warming is real and is largely being caused by humans. The major goal of the campaign

is "to reduce the global emission of greenhouse gases by 80 percent by mid-century at the latest" in an effort to avert the worst impacts of global warming and to reestablish more stable climatic conditions.

"UW-Stout already is the most energy efficient campus in the UW System," Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen said. "Our work on the goals contained in this agreement will build on that accomplishment."

The program realistically states that there might be short-term challenges associated with this effort, but that those involved believe the great short-, medium-, and long-term economic, health, social and environmental benefits outweigh these challenges.

As part of his continuing commitment to make the campus of UW-Stout more environmentally friendly, the chancellor also created an environmental sustainability coordinator position. This position is held by Raina Clark.

"We already have so many people on campus devoted to sustainability," Clark said. "...Once we have an environmental sustainability plan in place, my biggest job will be communicating that plan to campus and the surrounding community."

In her role, Clark brings together the various people and projects on campus committed



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UW-Stout Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Agreement Sept. 12. Witnessing the signing were Stout Student Association officers Drew Barrette and Chad Johnson, Vice Chancellor Diane Moen, and Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Raina Clark.

to environmental sustainability to develop a cooperative campus wide approach. She also will develop and implement an outreach pro-

gram to achieve maximum participation in energy conservation, storm water management and recycling and waste reduction.

Wisconsin education budget work may be for naught

Now what?

Now that the Republican-led Assembly, along with 20 Democrats, passed an education budget that is almost everything the governor and the Senate wanted, what happens next?

If you believe Gov. Jim Doyle and Democrats who lead the Senate, nothing. Senate Majority Leader Judy Robson says the bill won't be debated and Doyle says he won't sign it.

They want to negotiate the entire budget at once, not pass bits and pieces. Problem is, until the Assembly acted Tuesday to pass portions dealing with education and local government funding, not much was going on in the bipartisan committee trying to work out a compromise.

The budget is 12 weeks late. Current funding continues while lawmakers try to reach a deal.

Republicans, and even some Democrats, hope passage of the bills will kick-start the negotiations. Assembly Speaker Mike Huebsch argued that Republicans were giving Democrats what they wanted by provid-

ing schools the \$235 million Doyle and the Senate proposed.

The time has come for Democrats to give on some of the \$18 billion in tax increases they proposed, namely the \$15.2 billion universal health care plan, Huebsch said.

Doyle and Democrats have repeatedly said they think the entire budget can be finished by Friday or Sept. 28 at the latest if both sides compromise and make deals in committee. Republicans have said reaching a deal that quickly is highly unlikely.

And, since it doesn't appear likely the entire \$56 billion budget will be done any time soon, getting about 52 percent of it done now

by passing the education portion just makes sense, said Rep. Jeff Fitzgerald, R-Horicon.

Supporters of passing the education bill Tuesday said it needed to be done to prevent an almost \$600 million property tax increase by schools that could come if their state aid doesn't increase.

Under the bill passed by the Assembly, property taxes are estimated to increase \$80 this year on the owner of a \$169,000 home.

With no new budget, taxes on that same home are estimated to go up \$150.

The state has said it must know by Sept. 28 how much aid schools will be getting so it can notify them before the Oct. 15 deadline. Not knowing how much in aid will be available, the state Department of Public Instruction may have to use existing funding levels, said state Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster in a letter to lawmakers last month.

Twenty Democrats joined with 50 Republicans to pass the bill funding K-12 education. Twenty-seven lawmakers, all Democrats, voted against it.

The Assembly passed a bill dealing with local government spending on a 52-45 vote, with two Democrats voting in favor and 45 against.

State Rep. Joe Parisi, D-Madison, derided passage of the bills given that they appear to have no future.

"It looks like we're doing something, but we're not," he said.

Not taking up the education budget in the Senate now is "absolutely shameful," said Senate Minority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, R-Juneau.

"With no final resolution in sight, it is just plain irresponsible not to pass this critical part of the budget," he said.

— Scott Bauer, Associated Press

"It looks like we're doing something, but we're not."

— State Rep. Joe Parisi, D-Madison

At A Glance

The education bill:

Republicans agreed to spend what Democrats and Doyle wanted on general aid for schools - \$235 million. The GOP proposal has about \$50 million less in other education spending.

Local government spending:

The bill would restore cuts Republicans wanted in aid for four cities but does not include a \$15 million increase in overall state support for local governments Democrats proposed. The Assembly proposal also would reinstate a limit on local government property tax increases at the same level that had been in place the previous two years before it expired Jan. 1. That limited levy increases to 2 percent or the percentage of growth in new construction, whichever was greater.

Students remember September 11th

Amanda Scheild
News Editor

"We stand together, Americans all, either by choice or by birth, to honor the flag that flew on the moon and changed the face of the earth"- Written For Independence Day, 1999 by Baxter Black

We must never forget what happened on Sept. 11—the innocent victims and the heroes who gave their lives. As America honors the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, one school organization shows their remembrance by holding events for faculty, staff, students and community members.

The Stout College Republicans, a group of conservative-minded students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, hosted a memorial service and Support Our Troops rally exhibit last Tuesday morning.

Dozens of UW-Stout students and staff, joined by community members gathered to show their support outside in the Clock Tower Plaza. At 10 a.m. a moment of silence was observed for all who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 terror attacks and since the war on terror. Program speakers included Bob Meyer, the former dean of the College of Technology and Management, and Mellissa Vircks, the Vice Chair of the Stout College Republicans. The Wisconsin Patriot Guard Riders also attended to show their support and present a flagline, and Stout's own ROTC, the fastest growing chapter in America presented the color guard.

In addition, the "Never Forget Project" was on display all day in front of Millennium and Bowman Halls along Broadway. Each year the Young America's Foundation helps students across the country properly remember the anniversary of the Sept. 11th



Submitted Photo

A moment of silence was observed at 10 a.m., Sept. 11 on the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Clock Tower Plaza. The gathering was sponsored by the Stout College Republicans, a group of conservative-minded students and drew students, staff and community members.

terrorist attacks through our 9/11: Never Forget Project. Young America's Foundation began this program in 2003 when it was

discovered that most college campuses were either completely ignoring the anniversary or scheduling alternative activities instead.

According to the Young America's Foundation website, 138 different high schools and colleges nationwide participated in this year's project, which displays flags for all lives lost on Sept. 11. The total amount of flags displayed was 2,977, each representing one person killed in the terrorist attacks.

"Hearing about the presence of the Patriot Riders, the 3000 flags and the success of such of an event is awe inspiring and makes me proud to be an American," said Shawn Peter, a 2006 graduate of the Business Administration program.

"An event like the one last week must serve as a reminder that we must continue to support the troops and their mission abroad so we can continue to live in the free prosperous country that our great grandfathers envisioned for us when they immigrated to

the United States." Shawn is the previous Legislative Affairs Director for the Stout Student Association.

Governor Doyle also directed that the flag of the United States and the flag of the state of Wisconsin be flown at half-staff Tuesday, Sept. 11 at all buildings, grounds and military installations of the state of Wisconsin as a mark of respect to commemorate the sixth-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States.

An awareness event entitled "9/11, what's changed?" was also held at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center. A presentation was made by members of the social science department, and the Dunn County District Attorney was also present to offer a unique perspective on how security measures have changed since the attacks more than six years ago.

Members of the Honor Society, International Relations, and several political science classes on campus were given invitations to attend and participate in the open forum-type debate. After the presentation, faculty, staff, students and community members were then allowed to ask questions of the panel, and how they thought our society had changed since that day, as well as questions about government involvement since the initial scare.



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A sea of flags wave in remembrance of all who died in the Sept. 11 World Trade Tower terrorist attack. The event is part of the 9/11: Never Forget Project sponsored by the Stout College Republicans.



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Tales of stupidity
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Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007.

A 19-year-old male reported his Gary Fisher Mamba mountain bicycle, valued at \$300, stolen from parking lot #6, north of Fleming Hall. The bike was parked unlocked and was discovered missing on Saturday, Sept. 1, around 5 p.m.

The bike was predominantly yellow in color with some black and white along its 26 inch frame.

Where there's smoking, there's fire

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007.

The Menomonie Fire Department and a campus police officer responded to a call at 11:20 a.m. that smoke was coming from a cigarette receptacle outside of Red Cedar Hall.

Smoke was still emanating from the receptacle when the officer arrived. Damage had been done to the plastic top of the receptacle. A fire extinguisher was used to put out the cigarette butts and the receptacle was emptied of its contents.

How retro: spam that is not in electronic form

Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007.

A student at Red Cedar Hall received a phone call from a company that left a message requesting information about credit cards. The student was advised not to respond to the message.

Apparently a "cubby hole" in a weight room isn't a secure place to keep one's wallet. Who knew?

Friday, Sept. 7, 2007.

A 22-year-old male student reported that at around 2:30 p.m. his wallet was stolen from the downstairs weight room in the Johnson Field House. He had placed his cell

phone, keys and wallet in a "cubby hole," gone to work out and returned to find his wallet missing. Upon further description, the "wallet" was a black metal binder clip to hold IDs together.

All told, at least \$100 was missing, in denominations of a \$50 bill, two \$20 bills and some \$10s and \$5s. In addition, various identification cards were missing: his Wisconsin driver's license, his Stout One card, a bartender's license and credit and debit cards. There are no suspects at this time.

A small case of unauthorized preaching

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007.

One of the organizers of a block party at Street Level Ministries asked for a 60-year-old male to be asked to leave the event.

The man was handing out information "contrary to what Street Level Ministries was attempting to convey through the event."

The man was once affiliated with the organization but following some sort of falling out is no longer associated with them. When asked to leave, he complied.

Beer without a home

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007.

At 1:30 a.m. officers noticed an abandoned backpack in lot #4. Inside were nine "very cold" cans of Coor's Light beer. No one was around to claim the backpack or the beer.

The beer was disposed of, as was the backpack (which was of low quality) several days later when no one claimed it.

Random acts of stupidity and drunkenness

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007.

Between 11 p.m. of Saturday night and noon of Sunday afternoon, both outside mirrors on a vehicle were smashed while parked in lot #4.

The 18-year-old female student who reported the damage done to her car was unaware of anyone who might have a grudge against her. She attributed the damage, with some bitterness, to "random acts of stupidity and drunkenness."

Noted speaker to address age-old debate

Brittany Bean

News Writer

Nature versus nurture: is your slobby, drunken roommate a jerk because his parents taught him poor behavior or because they passed along a "jerk" gene? This Friday, students have the opportunity to attend a presentation that provides a fresh perspective on the age-old debate of whether personality and psychological traits are learned or inherited.

University of Wisconsin-Stout will host Dr. Thomas Bouchard Friday, Sept. 21 at 1:15 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center.

Bouchard has been the director of the Minnesota Center for Twin and Adoption Research since 1983 and has been recognized for his research on human individual differences in areas such as intelligence and emotions.

The UW-Stout chapter of the National Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi, has in-

vited Bouchard to be the featured speaker in their second annual Speaker Series event.

Last year's presentation focused on learning versus learned helplessness. According to Psi Chi faculty advisor Helen Swanson, this year's presentation will deal with aspects of personality.

"The work of Dr. Bouchard and his colleagues involves the comparison of the personality-test results of identical and fraternal twins who either grew up in the same home or were separated at birth and then reunited during adulthood. The comparisons allow researchers to make reasonable estimates of the degree to which various personality factors, such as religiousness and political orientation, are inherited as opposed to learned," Swanson said.

Bouchard will discuss the surprises and implications in this field of study during his presentation, which is much anticipated by Swanson.

Cut him some slack

University of Wisconsin-Stout student Dan Noll, of Appleton, walks the line—a couple of feet above the ground.

Noll participates in a sport called slack lining, which is similar to tightrope walking but uses a flatter rope.

The sport began in 1980 by rock climbers, and it has been expanding ever since.

"There are always new challenges because there are no limits to what can be done on the slack line," Noll said.

Noll started the sport last summer; but it was this summer that he became more involved in slack lining. He finds it a way to be outside in nature and to participate in a "low-key, calming sport."

"It takes concentration and motivation," Noll said.

And Noll is able to concentrate despite the stares of passersby. People always ask him if he is joining the circus, Noll said.



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College budget 101

Or... how to survive on oatmeal sandwiches

Erica Edblom
News Writer

From one college student to another, we all know that after paying tuition and taking our final run to Wal-Mart for last minute supplies, the wallet tends to be a bit thinner. But who doesn't still need some extra cash to buy that book from the school store that they will never read or, more importantly, for late night runs to Jeff and Jim's? So with limited resources for the next four months, how do we manage to stay afloat? A budget.

Take a look at your monthly income. Are you scraping plates off at the Commons for \$200 a month, or are you calling mom and dad up weekly for some extra cash?

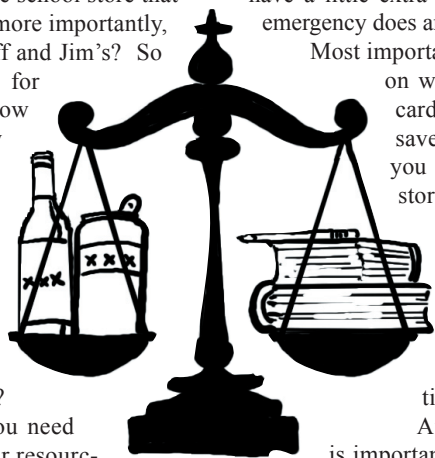
Whatever it may be, you need to take into account your resources. What you make a month will greatly effect how much you can spend.

Create a list of expenses you plan on having throughout the semester. Write down everything from ramen noodles to the flu shot. From there you need to set up a month-

ly budget, dividing what money you have wisely. Set aside money for the necessities, such as car payments and insurance. Then you can look at other supplies you might need and factor in their cost. Any money left over stick it in your favorite piggy bank or put it in a savings account. That way you will have a little extra spending cash when an emergency does arrive.

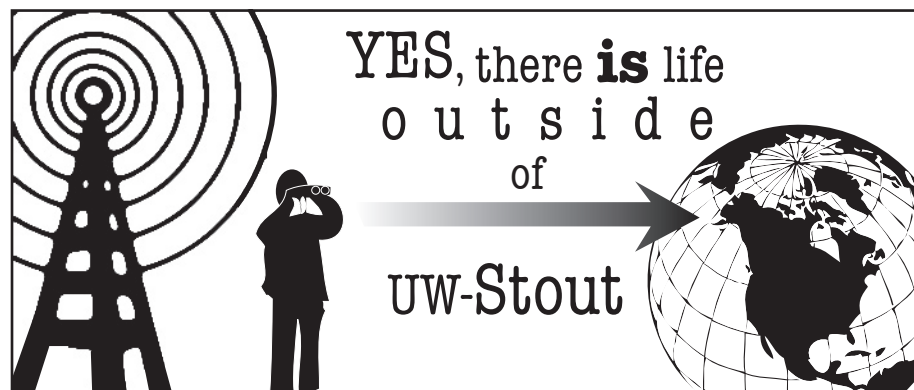
Most importantly, be savvy. Ease up on whipping out your credit card on the weekends, and save that extra cash. When you go to the school bookstore, rummage for the used textbooks to save a few dollars—and don't forget to keep the receipt, which you can return with your book for a partial refund.

After creating a budget it is important that you stick to it! I suggest Googling budget spreadsheets, fill one out and update it monthly. Sticking to a budget will allow you to sit comfortably in your dorm during finals rather than going broke and crashing for the night in the student center.



An estimated 76 percent of undergraduates carry at least one credit card, according to a study published by Nellie Mae in 2005. Having a credit card can be a useful tool for young adults working to establish a good credit record, but it's easy to fall into deep debt if credit cards aren't used wisely. The following are some tips to help you decide what type of credit card is right for you:

- Look for a card with a low Annual Percentage Rate (APR). The higher the APR the more the credit will cost you if you don't pay off your balance every month.
- Look for a card with a low or no annual fee. This is the fee that the credit card company will charge you every year just for issuing you the card.
- Learn about the credit card's default interest rate. This is the interest rate you'll be charged as a penalty if you make a late payment or pay less than the minimum payment required. Your interest rate could double or even triple.
- Understand the credit card company's "change of terms" policy. Many credit card companies reserve the right to change the terms of your credit card contract at any time for any reason.
- Be sure to pay your other bills on time. Some credit card companies will raise your interest rate even if you always pay your credit card bill on time and in full.
- Pay off your balance every month and make your payments on time. If you can't do that, then pay off as much as you can afford and always more than the minimum payment required.
- Pay attention to your balance and do not exceed your credit limit. Sometimes the interest charged on a balance or fees you are charged for paying late can put you over your credit limit and trigger additional fees.
- Don't take cash advances. The interest rate on cash advances is generally higher than the interest rate charged on purchases made with the card.



Armless artist head-butts man who later dies of heart attack

On Sept. 19, a man died of a heart attack after being head-butted by an armless man during a fight over a woman. No felony charges will be filed, authorities said today.

Investigators said they made the determination after learning that Charles Keith Teer, 49, had heart problems long before the confrontation with William Russell Redfern, an artist who has won recognition for drawings he does with his feet.

Redfern, who was born with no right arm and a stump below his left shoulder, kicked Teer, and Teer hit Redfern during the fight, authorities said. Teer complained of feeling dizzy after the fight, collapsed and died.

"The autopsy revealed he (Teer) had serious heart disease and blockages and they'd been there for quite awhile," Snellville Police Chief Roy Whitehead said.

He added, however, that misdemeanor charges such as criminal trespass or simple battery against the 44-year-old Redfern were still a possibility.

O.J. is in the news again. Is it: (A) because he has found the real killer or (B) because his master plan to steal back his old stuff backfired miserably?

Former football star and social pariah who was cleared of murder charges, O.J. Simpson made a court appearance Sept. 19, a day after prosecutors lengthened the list of charges against him for an alleged robbery of sports memorabilia at a Las Vegas hotel.

The list of charges, all but one of which are felonies, includes two counts of robbery with a deadly weapon, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon and two counts of first-degree kidnapping with use of a deadly weapon.

Prosecutors contend that Simpson and co-defendants Walter Alexander, Clarence Stewart and Michael McClinton committed kidnapping because they intended to hold or detain the two alleged victims using a weapon.

The items in the room where the alleged robbery took place included various baseballs, plaques, an historical photo featuring J. Edgar Hoover and a mobile phone, a police report said.

Simpson had been in police custody since his arrest Sunday, Sept. 16. He has since been released on a \$125,000 bond.

Bin Laden's wife divorces him. Yes, you read that right. No, not that bin Laden.

A British woman who married the son of Osama bin Laden announced Tuesday, Sept. 18, that the couple has been forced to divorce due to the death threats her husband has received.

Jane Felix-Browne, a 51-year-old grandmother and parish councillor from Cheshire, said that she had asked Omar Ossama bin Laden, 27, for a divorce because she was worried about his safety. She said they are hopeful to remarry next spring.

"There are people who objected to him marrying a British woman," she told reporters. "We had to get divorced because he had threats to kill him if he did not leave me. ... Omar is devastated that it has happened but it had got to the point where I could not let him risk his life and liberty."

Lots of booze. A poisonous snake. This will end well.

An Oregon man almost died after putting his eastern diamondback rattlesnake's head down his throat, while he was drinking with some friends. Matt Wilkinson said he immediately noticed a shot like sensation in his mouth when the snake bit him.

Doctors stuck a breathing tube down his throat, and injected several doses of antivenin to combat the toxins. He was put in a medical coma for three days.

After three weeks, Wilkinson, who nearly died from the incident, is still recovering from the bite.

"They said I had enough venom in me to kill between 12 and 15 people," Wilkinson said.

• Carry only one credit card. If you must have a credit card, one is all you need to build a good credit history of on-time payments.

• If you get into credit card trouble, get help. Don't hesitate to get help if

you fall into unmanageable credit card debt. To contact a local credit counseling agency in your area, surf over to www.nfcc.org

letters to the



The sandy beach at the Dunville Trestle just off the Red Cedar trail has recently become a popular destination for young people in this community as a swimming beach. It is a unique floodplain ecosystem with large tracts of prairie grass and oak savanna. It is also at the northern end of the Lower Chippewa River Basin Initiative.

I ask all the people who use this recreation area, if this is such a pristine and unique feature, why are you trashing it? I have picked up over 10 large bags of trash from the beach and parking lot this year. (I know I am not the only person who picks this beach up on a regular basis.) Included in this are beer and soda cans and bottles, many deliberately broken, along with tires, dirty diapers, food scraps from grilling out and a wide variety of other garbage. This is a special and unique ecosystem. Let us treasure it, not trash it! IF YOU PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT.

Richard Thomas
Downsville, Wisc.



zombie socrates

Hey, kids, it's me: Zombie Socrates. I'm back from the dead and in Menomonie for the time being, so I thought I could do my part for society by giving advice to you young whippersnappers and answer any questions you might have about the meaning of life, truth, justice, girlfriend/boyfriend squabbles or anything in between. The shop is open, so ask away!

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Why do some people pop their collars? Is there something behind it? Or is it just a fad?
-Student at The University of Wisconsin Stout

Dear student:

Well, there IS a reason people pop their collars. You see, many scientists now believe that vampires are attracted heavily to necks they can see with his bare eyes. Popping the collar allows one to hide their neck from any unnecessary vampire bites. A darn good idea when you think of how many vampires there are in the Wisconsin area.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
I was just wondering if dragons really exist, and if so, where does one find them?
-Explorer / Adventurer

Dear Explorer / Adventurer:

Do dragons exist? Of course dragons exist. The reason you probably haven't seen one is because they were almost forced into extinction during the Dark Ages. Dragon skin was very popular back during that time period, and to this day, remains one of the best materials to use in clothing. Anyway, a secret society was eventually formed to protect the dragons and keep them away from humans because of their endangered species status. Only a select handful of people on this planet know where the dragons are living right now. Unfortunately, I am not one of them.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
I know aliens exist; I'm not here to ask about that (Having been abducted a couple times myself...) I was just wondering why our society thinks of UFOs as flying saucers. I know from firsthand experience that they are not shaped like that.
-Nevada crop duster

Dear Nevada crop duster:

That is a good question and one to which I honestly don't have a good answer. The flying saucer deal started long after I

lived and died.

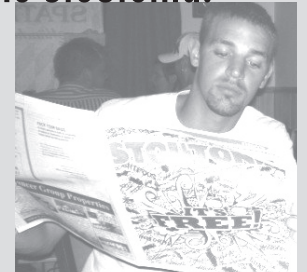
One reason might be that flying saucers were easy to make for cheesy sci-fi movies that were filmed a long time ago. It only took a couple movies and that image got stuck in the public's mind. Once it was there, society accepted it as a universal truth.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
What kind of music do you listen to?
-Drummer in a local band

Dear drummer in a local band:

I listen to just about everything, but I would have to say my favorite genre of music is classical. (I don't usually answer personal questions, but since school just started I'll humor my fans.

The Stoutonia.



Enjoy it.

Steven King movie adaptations misrepresent author

Lee Balko
Opinion Columnist

I have loved to read since I was young, and one of my favorite authors has always been Stephen King. He has influenced the horror genre in so many ways. I know from personal experience, when most people hear the words, Stephen King, they think of cheesy horror movies. I honestly have to say this makes me a little irritated. Books are always better than movies, but it seems that King has taken the biggest blow here in terms of book to movie adaptations. King's books are truly amazing to read, and they touch on more than just hack'n' slash bloodbaths.

Take the movie "It," for example. Everybody has seen the movie "It," but how many people have read the book? What does the movie remind you of? A clown that runs around and kills children? Well, if this is your answer, I can't hold it against you because that is how the movie is portrayed. Now, take the book. The book has some powerful themes including the "magic" of childhood, small town secrets, evil and the power in unifying people. Also, to a smaller extent, the movie touches on racism. When I read "It" for the first time I was amazed

at its depth. The movie was written about childhood and the magic of "believing," NOT about a killer clown.

Another movie that everyone has probably seen is, "The Shining." This movie was a big hit when it was released. "The Shining," features Jack Nicholson in one of his best acting roles. Don't get me wrong, this was a great movie. The problem I have with the film is how different it is from the book. The movie went

after the, "Dad freaking out and killing everybody" aspect. Guess what? The book was more focused on the son, Danny, and his unique power, the ability to "shine." Stephen King was ashamed of this movie when it was released in theaters and publicly announced his disappointment. The movie was eventually remade into a less popular, more accurate TV miniseries.

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one book, just one, on the "Corn" series. The film industry has made too many sequels out of something that shouldn't have had a single one. The original movie was fairly accurate, but each successive sequel made the original film all that worse. Of course, King has said multiple times that he had nothing to do with the sequels and he does not want to be associated with the films.

Stephen King is the author of more than 50 books, all of them national bestsellers. Of that 50, there have only been a handful of movies that have captured the magic of the books they were based on. "The Green Mile," "The Shawshank Redemption," "Cujo," "Christine" and "Misery" are the few.

I would suggest Stephen King to anyone looking for a good book, and remember, King writes more than just horror novels.

Interested in finding out why film adaptations of books often vary from the novel?

Stout offers a 3 credit Fiction into Film course taught by Dr. Jean-Marie Dauplaise and Robert Schuler. The course delves into selected works of literature and their film adaptations. The course is offered spring and fall and can be used as one of the general studies humanities requirement as well as being an ESC to fill the ethnic studies requirement.

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O.J. Simpson: "If I Robbed Him?"



O.J. Simpson
Stoutonia/Andrew Ohlmann

Katie Kenner
Opinions Editor

You have got to be kidding me, right? Well, according to Slate "Chatterbox" on MSN.com, O.J. Simpson feels the need to try it again with a book dubbed "If I Robbed Him: That Son-Of-A-Bitch Is Lucky To Be Alive After He Stole My Damn Souvenirs". The book is to be published by HarperCollins, a unit of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. If there is any whole truth to the publication of this book, we will soon see.

However, even with no new book, Simpson is still a nut. He gets away with murder and then writes a book called "If I Did It." "If I Did It," explains how he would have killed his wife, Nicole and Ron Goldman. In his latest debacle, Simpson is facing six felonies which include two counts of first-degree kidnapping, two counts of robbery with use of a deadly weapon, burglary while in possession of a deadly weapon, two counts of assault with a deadly weapon, conspiracy to commit

kidnapping, conspiracy to commit robbery, and a misdemeanor, conspiracy to commit a crime. Simpson claims that he was operating a "sting operation", to recover his property that was stolen from him. Simpson told the Los Angeles Times, "You've got to understand, this ain't somebody going to steal somebody's drugs or something like that. This is somebody going to get his private belongings back. That's it. That's not robbery." Hmm, guns and forceful entry. That doesn't seem like someone that is just going to get his belongings back. Simpson probably could have contacted them and asked them nicely if they would return his belongings. Honestly, if Simpson wanted these items that badly he could have just bought the stuff back.

I just don't get the stupidity of this man. If you are smart enough to get away with double murder, how in the heck are you so stupid to get caught doing this? A friend of mine mentioned that if he had been famous and gotten away with murder he would do nothing that would make him stick out, nor would he do something in which he could get in trouble with the law again. Wouldn't you have thought Simpson would have tried this as well? I guess getting away with murder was dumb luck.

It would be a sad reflection on our criminal justice system if Simpson actually got charged and sent to jail for his recent antics and yet, received no time or punishment for murdering two innocent people. I hope he does get charged to the highest extent possible and, maybe then he can rot in jail. But the reality, even if he does get jail time he most likely will get let off for good behavior or some other ridiculous thing such as being a celebrity. Ah, only in America...

Hey you damn jaywalkers, get out of the #*@!^% road!

Katie Kenner
Opinions Editor

It has come to my attention that many students are blatantly ignoring the fact that there are crosswalks on campus and engaging in an activity called jaywalking. Jaywalking is defined by Merriam-Webster Dictionary as crossing a street carelessly or in an illegal manner so as to be endangered by traffic. Over the last couple of years it seems to have gotten progressively worse, especially near the dorms. Why is that? The conclusion is this: the freshmen must be getting dumber, people are trying to save time or they are trying to tick off people who drive.

OK, so a stray jaywalker here or there is nothing, but lately there have been droves of them; enough to make their own crosswalk! I can certainly understand the rush to get to class in Harvey Hall after class in Applied Arts, that's quite a trek with little time to make it, but jaywalking is illegal. And in the case of jaywalking, pedestrians do not have the right of way.

Not only are these people jaywalking, they are not looking when they do it. Students are text messaging, talking on the phone, and even reading while walking. Students need to be more careful when crossing roads, jaywalking or not. There will come a time when the driver won't be looking. Many drivers are also text messaging, talking on the phone, putting on their makeup or brushing their teeth. Crosswalks are made for a reason and need to be utilized by the students and may prevent accidents.

Your rights as a pedestrian as stated by the Menomonie Police:

- Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked or unmarked crosswalk shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

- No person shall stand or loiter on any roadway other than in a safety zone if such act interferes with the lawful movement of traffic.

- When crossing the roadway at an intersection or crosswalk where traffic is not controlled by traffic control signals or by a traffic officer, the operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian. This needs to be consistent with the safe use of the crosswalk by pedestrians, who are crossing the highway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk.

- The operator of a vehicle at a controlled intersection shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, who have started to cross the highway on a green or "walk" signal and in all other cases pedestrians shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles lawfully proceeding ahead on a green signal.

- No pedestrian shall suddenly leave the curb or other place of safety and walk, run or ride into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is difficult for the operator of the vehicle to yield.

When Menomonie sucks don't spend big bucks finding entertainment

Nathaniel Fellows
Entertainment Writer

Forward:

Over the years many great writers have come and gone and many have been crazy, perpetually intoxicated or worse, but all have entertained us, made us laugh, cry or cringe, and Nate Fellows often achieves all: the mark of a genius. Yet the following may be confusing to the casual reader. It rhymes, it mentions both steers and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" in the same article and it is often scattered in the way it is arranged. Yet, it is just the first, let's call it the prequel to, Mr. Fellows future column that is yet to be named. In this piece, Mr. Fellows explains that watching movies from past decades is a fine alternative to flexing, "your muscles while looking in a mirror," and suggests specific titles that are appropriate for such an occasion. This is the basis of the article, yet, like all masterpieces, the subtleties are great

and it contains many meanings as though it had come from the Bible or Shakespeare. And so, read with care and an open mind and feel the power of the words of Mr. Fellows.

-A.J. Forst
Chief Copy Editor

Now that summer is done, what in the world is there to do in Menomonie for fun? Go to the Post Office to check out the new stamps or go to the store and look at some lamps. Go for a walk down by the lake or maybe to a restaurant and eat a big steak. Go to Harvey Hall and look at the urinal pucks or you could go to the river and feed the ducks. Take a nap in your own bed or turn on the radio and listen to K-Fed. Flex your muscles while looking in a mirror or go to a farm and wrestle a steer. Go to a petting

zoo or go up town and get a tattoo. There's always homework to do but that would be dumb, what's there to do that is cheap and fun? If the circus was in town you could go over there and check out a clown. You could swing from a trapeze or maybe you could stay at home and watch some movies.

The weather outside is going to get frightful but renting a classic movie can be most delightful. What movies should you see; "Top Gun," "Animal House," or maybe "E.T."? Those movies would do just fine but there are other movies that I had in mind. What about the movies that you haven't seen in years; "Days of Thunder," "Jaws," or maybe "Hoosiers"?

There are many movies that are long-forgotten, but that doesn't mean that they are stupid and rotten. "On Golden Pond" you could watch all alone or call some friends and watch "Romancing the Stone." If you have family in town, perhaps a cousin, you

could go out and rent "The Dirty Dozen." It's a war movie about some bad guys, if you don't like that you could see "The Princess Bride." That movie is funny and will make you ache, if you like westerns you could always watch "Big Jake." "Back to the Future," "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," and "The Swiss Family Robinson" are all movies that can make an evening fun. Renting movies is cheap and it won't cost you a limb, "Old Yeller," just came to mind and I never got the opportunity to thank the person that shot him.

There are so many movies that I can only list a few, but think of some on your own that you might like to view. Now, call your friends, get your permission slip signed from your mom, and go get that flick that you haven't seen in so long.

The Wire Top

Upcoming Music - Movies - Games

Events

Sept 20, '07:

- John Charles @ The Acoustic Cafe. 8 p.m. Free.
- Johnny Holm Band @ The Log Jam. 9:30 p.m. \$10
- I Said It Comedy Hour @ the Buck. 9:30 p.m.
- Oddball Protocall @ Waterfront. 10 p.m. Free.

Sept 22, '07:

- Orestus @ Mr. Heavys. 10 p.m. Free.

Sept 27, '07:

- Naptime Nate @ The Acoustic Cafe. 8 p.m. Free.
- Northern Drift @ The Waterfront. 10 p.m. Free.

Sept 28 - 30, '07:

- Dunn County Artists Tour @ Various Locations in Menomonie. 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Free.

Oct 6, '07:

- BirchWood Wide @ The Acoustic Cafe. 8 p.m. Free.

DVD Releases

Sept 18, '07:

- Family Guy, Season 5

Sept 25, '07:

- Knocked Up
- Bug

Oct 9, '07:

- Evan Almighty
- 28 Weeks Later
- Reign Over Me

Movie Releases

Sept 28, '07:

- The Kingdom
- Black Irish

Oct 12, '07:

- Elizabeth, The Golden Age
- We Own the Night
- Lars and the Real Girl

Game Releases

Sept 23, '07:

- XB 360: Halo 3

Sept 25, '07:

- PS2: DDR SuperNOVA2

Milnes and Chinnock get down and dirty



The freshman dorms of Milnes and Chinnock of HKMC participated in a sand sculpture contest on Sept. 11.

Each floor teamed up against their neighbors to build the best sand sculpture in the dorms' volleyball court with the goal of free pizza and ice cream prizes. There were four teams and more than forty participants in the contest.

"We do this to help the freshmen build connections between the floors," said MC hall director Kelly Podach.



Above: Sponge Bob made an appearance. Left and below: One MC floor building their masterpiece of sand.



Chelsea Rickert/Stoutonia

"It helps the residents mingle."

Among the interesting sculptures were a life-sized Sponge Bob Square Pants, an entire castle and serf village complete with a pool and farmland, and a giant volcano erupting with "lava," which consisted of a mystery substance.

The victors were the residents of 4th Milnes and Chinnock who created the intricate castle and village.

TBT, always a knee-slappin' good time

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Trampled by Turtles made their Waterfront Bar and Grill debut Monday, Sept. 17 with opener The Cedartown Boys. TBT, a band with alternative and bluegrass roots, is a local favorite and has played to many a responsive crowd in Menomonie, Wis.

The audience was romanced by the very twangy, Bob Dylan-esque voice of lead singer Dave Simonett, who was backed up by enlivening jam sessions with the other three band members, Tim Saxhaug, Dave Carroll and Erik Berry.

TBT's well-played instruments are what make this band so unique; with a sweet fiddle, toe-tapping bass lines and the timeless banjo, a hauntingly-played acoustic guitar and a mandolin that sings more than Simonett.

Band members of TBT meshed well with the Waterfront crowd, sporting their shaggy hair, bearded mugs, faded plaid shirts

and crisp blue overalls. The only things missing were a large jug and a pair of spoons. What wasn't missing from this stereotypical bluegrass picture—were teeth.

The night was clear and warm and the Waterfront's deck was open. The fine establishment was packed inside and out for the show, unusual for a Monday night.

"Every place we go seems to receive us better than the last," said Berry, TBT's mandolin player after the first leg of the Waterfront show. "We've been to Menomonie many times; this town has been great to us."

And why not? Out of the many jam bands that have graced the Waterfront, TBT is probably the most popular band.

With intricate, long-winded mandolin rifts and banjo anthems, torso-throbbing drum rhythms, soulful lyrics and positive energy, TBT captivated their audience and had many people shakin' their thang on the crowded dance floor.

The only complaint of the night was from the Cedartown Boys band member Jake Henning's mother, who mentioned that Waterfront needs a raised stage so that the crowd could watch the

band wail on their instruments.

TBT has been touring the country lately and is making their way to New York, Illinois, Montana, Idaho and many more far-away places, but not before playing a few more gigs in their Wisconsin homeland.

To see a tour schedule and listen to some jams, visit www.myspace.com/trampledbyturtles.com

"Every place we go seems to receive us better than the last."

—Erik Berry

First annual local low-impact music festival a big hit



Jason Kraft/Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

Though the weekend was chilly, the festival drew a turnout of over 500 fest-goers, who camped out through the chilly night and embraced the last days of summer. Music, dancing, romancing and art mingled with a "love-your-mother-earth" atmosphere and gave members of the community a chance to relax in the great outdoors.

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

The first annual New Earth Festival was held in Fall Creek, Wis. last weekend. The festival was an effort started by two University of Wisconsin-Stout students, Joel Mathias and Matt Houdek, along with members of the Eau Claire, Wis. community. The team banded together to bring local artisans, 20 bands, workshops, beer tasting exhibits, and a sense of community. The largest idea behind this festival was the "green theme," in which fest-goers were encouraged to respect mother earth and control their waste.

"Everyone was respectful and clean and enjoyed themselves," said Houdek, a junior in technical communications. "There was hardly any pickup afterwards and most of the recycle bins were spot-on."

The UW-Stout Greensense crew worked with the New Earth team to keep the fest grounds clean, sorting through the garbage bins and maintaining a clean, earth-friendly atmosphere.

The most popular musical event of the festival was Euforquestra, a seven piece instrumental band.

Members of the group had studied African and Cuban rhythms on location and will be coming back to the next New Earth Festival, which will be held around the same time next year and will most likely be three days long instead of two.

The festival grounds, Creative Farming Studios, will become a sanctuary for like-minded individuals. The house on the fest grounds will be turned into a hostel for travelling musicians. At least two weddings have been booked on the grounds, and there will be a few mini-fests to fund the next New Earth Festival.

Houdek accredited Mathias for his hard work and dedication.

"Joel is an excellent leader. He was really positive, had lots of ideas and coordinated them really well. He leads without leading." More information about the New Earth Festival can be found at www.myspace.com/newearthfestival.

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Acoustic Underground



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The Blue Devil Production crew wrangled singer/songwriter Chris Koza with supporting artist Haley Bonar, who played in the Underground of the Memorial Student Center on Thursday, Sept. 13. Koza has released three albums since 2004 and has been compared to Wilco, Paul Simon and Beck. Bonar, pictured above, is known for her powerful lungs and soulful melodies.

Put on your dancin' shoes



Evan Theurer/Stoutonia

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's swing dance club meets every other Wednesday in the ballrooms of the Memorial Student Center. UW-Stout students were tutored by renowned Swing Dance instructors Terri and Cindy Gardner, who are planning to make another appearance and share their dancing wisdom at the Swing Club in October.



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Nada'z wrong at Bada'z when the pig is on the spit

By Tony Spencer
Entertainment Writer

The scales of day and night are shifting with increasing vigor, which can only mean that summer is ending, leaving autumn to be our temperate host. Warm days and brisk nights resonate throughout the campus as young scholars return for another year. These are the days between the awful, stifling weight of summer's humidity and the bitter sting of Wisconsin's winter winds that we reconcile with the euphoric energy of our collegiate endeavor. Indeed, in a time like this man hath no better thing to do than to eat, drink and be merry. All of which were readily achieved at Bada Bingz's pig roast on Saturday, Sept. 15.

The event, which is held semi-annually, invited the people of Menomonie and the University of Wisconsin-Stout to gather together for a feast fit for a king. Starting at 2 p.m., \$15 allowed patrons to secure their place in the festivities. The band provided savvy consumers with an unending supply of any domestic tap beer and a slow-roasted pig.

A deal such as this helped to draw a sizable crowd to the popular drinking establishment located on Main Street in downtown Menomonie, colloquially known as Badaz. Badaz centralized location in Menomonie makes it a rather convenient place to convene, making the event an ideal opportunity to get acquainted with new and familiar faces alike. It truly was a prime opportunity to strengthen social ties for the months to come. Badaz owner, Kyle Olson, is happy to provide such an opportunity, expressing his belief "It's good being able to bring people together at the beginning of the year to relax and have a good time," said Olson.



Tony Spencer/Stoutonia

Students and locals alike enjoyed the festivities last weekend at Bada Bingz. The popular watering hole hosted its semi-annual pig roast last weekend. The weather was warm and the air was festive with the smell of roasting food and the sound of raucous games. The event lasted all of Saturday and was Badaz's unofficial "welcome back" to of-age students of the University of Wisconsin-Stout. The bar will play host to another pig roast at the end of the spring semester.

Indeed it was hard not to have a good time. Despite recent dips in temperature, the afternoon of the pig roast saw perfect conditions. It was a comfortably warm day, with clear skies and a bright, invigorating sun. Patrons were more than pleased to do their drinking and general carousing in the open air of the patio located in the rear of the bar. The atmosphere of the event was so pleasing that some guests, like Ryan Anderson, senior in graphics communications management,

said, "This is phenomenal...I love this bar!"

Then when the whole hog was finally taken off the gargantuan grill, the tender, juicy pig was served out back under the soothing touch of the day's perfect sun.

The inviting weather and succulent aroma of the pig were clearly more than enough to whet people's pallets. Whatever the folks at Badaz do to their pig is simply spectacular. Trays of still steaming hot meat couldn't be replaced fast enough, it seemed, as famished guests began to devour the beast with the same voracity as sharks in a feeding frenzy.

With the bulk of the famished fiends finishing the last (and I do mean every last bit) of their meal the time had come to commence the next phase of the day. In addition to copious quantities of meat and malted grains, attendees were invited to pairup and participate in the Bar Olympics.

Inclined bar veterans formed 24 teams of two to battle each other in a triathlon of alehouse favorites. The three events of the competition included beanbag toss, darts and pool. The teams who won all three events in the first round earned their spot in the finals, vying for the prize of a \$100 bar tab for first place and a \$50 tab for second.

Some teams did well, others not so much. Team "Whatever" had a strong showing throughout the competition, as did the team "1,000 Beers" (perhaps an estimate of the day's consumption). On the other hand, some teams, like the freakish duo of team "Fear and Loathing," couldn't seem to catch a bone. Nevertheless, when titans of alehouse entertainment clashed, the competition was fierce.

Cricket was the day's option for dart games, leaving teams to exercise their inebriated accuracy. Several games were thrown away (no pun intended) due to horrendous aim and general lack of steadiness.

Pool matches were the standard 8-ball (and of course calling the last pocket was a requisite). This left an opening for yet another moment of intoxicating humor as competitors attempted to keep hand eye coordination and high school geometry skills intact.

A tie breaker was necessary to fill the last spots in the final bracket. When the dust settled, however, it was team "Whatever" who came out victorious. "1,000 Beers" came in a close second (perhaps 900 beers would have been a more reasonable choice) and team "Kickass" followed in third; and despite what I stated earlier, they did receive a modest bar tab for their effort and good showing.

As the golden radiance of the late-summer sun departed for its westward slumber, the official activities of the Pig Roast gradually morphed into fond memories (hazy as they may be). Somewhere around 10 p.m. the free beer was a thing of the past, but most parched patrons were content to stay and finish out their night in the company of the same comrades who helped create the incomparable day.

For those 21 and over who missed this event, do not fret. When spring comes round to remove the frigid blanket of winter frost from this fair land there will again be food and spirits abound; and yet another chance to experience that which is Badaz supreme cook-out extravaganza.



Let's do Hollywood | Students invited to make movies



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Co-producers Brian Ide and Dustin Booth, pictured above, take their psycho-thriller very seriously. The film will be shot in Clear Lake, Wis., and students are invited to stop by.

By Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

With all of the programs offered here that are unique to this institution, the University of Wisconsin-Stout does not have a program that focuses on making movies. However, it is no secret that college-age people enjoy testing their movie-making skills, as the Web site YouTube and others like it has made a testament to. Luckily there are opportunities in the area for people interested in the process of moviemaking.

Clear Lake, Wis., a small town about 45 miles from Menomonie, Wis., is playing host

to a production crew, actors, directors, make-up artists, a full camera crew and everyone else associated with making a movie. "Clear Lake, WI.," a psycho-thriller, will be filmed on the scene starting Nov. 15, before the snow flies. Producers Brian Ide and Dustin Booth, with Meriwether Productions, have called to the students in surrounding areas to come by and check out the goings-on of the moviemaking process.

"It's something that a lot of people never get to witness or take part in," said Booth, co-producer and lead actor for "Clear Lake, WI." Booth is a native of the sleepy town of Clear Lake, which has a population of 1051.

Why Clear Lake? The storyline calls for a small, ghost town setting, which is abundant in the state of Wisconsin.

"I thought, 'why not use my hometown as the backdrop?'" said Booth. The crew will be clearing out the streets of Clear Lake to give the small town a deserted, spooky feel. "We're going to make it look like everybody up and left this town 20 years ago."

Booth would like to see college students drop by during the open sets.

"I want to give anyone an opportunity... to join and hang out for the day, help out in any way, shape or form, gain experience and learn the biz," said Booth.

"Clear Lake, WI." will be filmed on location into December. Two one-week college internships are being offered to local high school or college students who are interested in learning more about the film industry. Once completed, the feature will be distributed to film festivals worldwide.

Contact Brian Ide at Brian@meriwetherproductions.com or Dustin Booth at dustin_booth@yahoo.com for investment opportunities. Contact Jodi Reichstadt at jrmediapr@gmail.com for internship information.

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Ramen Reinvented

By **Ashley Smolen**
Food Columnist

Ramen noodles are a staple to virtually all college students.

However, after a week of boiling water and tearing open seasoning packets, these noodles quickly become one of the most dreaded

meals one may face on campus. However, before sacrificing more money for expensive and exciting food, consider the possibilities these noodles have to offer.

The Official Ramen Homepage, www.mattfischer.com/ramen, offers 396 intriguing recipes aimed to reinvent ramen and to highlight its versatile qualities.

Yummy, unconventional recipes

With recipes covering every topic from alcoholic to dessert, ramen is shown to be a far more resourceful food than initially thought. Most recipes only require a few extra ingredients, and the skill level needed is virtually only that required to initially prepare the noodles in the first place.

Although three meals of ramen may be a

little overdone, it serves as a good reminder: don't be afraid to play with food. Reinvention is a great way to stretch creativity and to create new and exciting meals on a tight budget. With foods as versatile as ramen, there really is no limit. Play with well liked flavors and find new ways to create foods to tickle taste buds and satisfy the senses.

Caramel Ramen on a stick

Ingredients:

- 1 pkg of Ramen noodles (any flavor)
- 1 cup caramel
- Chopped nuts
- Boil 1 package of Ramen noodles, drain well.
- Melt caramel until soft.
- Using a stick (an old chopstick works well), swirl noodles around it and coat the noodles on a stick in the caramel.
- Roll coated noodles in chopped nuts.
- Cool and enjoy!

Saskatoon Breakfast Ramen

Ingredients:

- 1 pkg of Chicken Ramen (not-crushed)
- 2 small eggs, beaten
- Cheddar Cheese (small cubes)
- Chopped up Bacon
- Chopped Tomato and Green Onions
- Boil Ramen noodles and cook bacon.
- Drain the noodles.
- Chop bacon, cheese, tomato, and onions.
- Add chopped ingredients to noodles, place on medium heat and stir mixture well.
- Cook for a few minutes, until eggs are done.

Oscar's Orient Express

Ingredients:

- 1 Zucchini, sliced
- 4 small straight cut stocks of Baby Bock Choy
- 1 sliced onion
- 2 sliced hot dog smokies
- 2 packets of Ramen
- 2 quarts of water
- 1 pinch of chives
- Boil water and season with black pepper and salt.
- Add zucchini and let simmer on medium heat 1 min.
- Add hot dogs and simmer extra 1 min.
- Add packets of ramen. Simmer 2 min.
- Add the Baby Bock Choy. simmer 30 sec.
- Add sliced onion. simmer extra 30 sec.
- Remove from heat immediately and season with one packet of ramen seasoning.
- Top off with chives and let sit for few min.
- Enjoy!

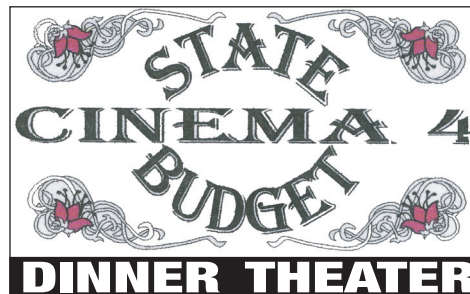


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Public Broadcasting Services to host pre-screenings for series on contemporary art at Stout

The award-winning PBS series on contemporary art, *Art: 21* Season 4, will host two pre-screenings of upcoming episodes at Stout Oct. 8 and Oct. 10. The screenings will be held from 5:15-7:45 p.m., in room 210, of the Applied Arts Building. Stout is part of the "art21 access '07 partners" program.

UW-Stout receives two grants on race and ethnicity

Two faculty members at the University of Wisconsin-Stout received grants from the UW System Institute on Race and Ethnicity.

Kitrina Carlson, assistant professor of biology, received a research grant to evaluate medicinal plant use in the Hmong population in Wisconsin. The project is a collaborative effort between at least four faculty members and four students at UW-Stout and UW-Manitowoc. Team members will survey local elders, and UW-Stout student La Vang-Lor will serve as translator. The results will be used to develop a database of plants, including how and why the plants are used by the Hmong population. Team members will then detect, extract and evaluate the plant's molecules that have potential to have medicinal properties.

"All information we collect will be shared with the Hmong community," Carlson said. "We are hoping our work creates a bridge between cultures and serves to preserve this information for future generations."

Hollace Anne Teuber, assistant professor in the department of speech, language, theatre and music, received a curriculum development grant to create a multidisciplinary course titled, "The Ethnic Experience." The course will examine the experiences of ethnic minorities in the United States and address ethnic formation, public policy, stratification, and belief systems related to race and gender. Simultaneously, the Ethnic Studies Committee at UW-Stout will revise the ethnic studies requirement to focus on ethnic minority groups to broaden diversity.

"This course will prepare UW students for the reality they will live and work in

when they leave our institutions," Teuber said. "Students will gain insight into social issues and diversity."

UW-Stout students satisfied with job placement services

A recent student opinion survey at the University of Wisconsin-Stout found that job placement services rated high in student satisfaction.

Students were queried on 22 college services. In three of the services, UW-Stout rated statistically higher than the national and public college samples. Students were satisfied with UW-Stout's job placement services, its student health insurance program and the library.

Students also were surveyed on the college environment. In four of 21 college environment factors, UW-Stout rated statistically higher than the national and public college samples. Students were satisfied with the variety of courses UW-Stout offered, the Campus Bookstore, the availability of student housing and the university in general.

Other survey findings include the following statistics:

- Library facilities and services, as well as recreation and intramural programs and services, are consistently the two highest rated student services reported by the student opinion survey since Stout first participated in 1999-00.
- Stout has always received high student ratings on the facilities section of the survey. Average ratings range from 3.60 to 3.99 (on a 1-5 scale) and approximately half of the ratings are statistically higher than the comparison groups.
- The highest rating of all questions on college environment is the class size relative to the type of course. This question averaged 4.12 (on a 5-point scale) over four years. The rating on this item is higher than the comparison groups.

UW-Stout conducts the student opinion survey to determine the level of satisfaction with certain services and programs, as well as the overall college environment at UW-Stout. Results are compared with national

user samples of four-year, post-secondary institutions.

UW-Stout honor society initiates Maryland chapter via technology

A University of Wisconsin-Stout chapter of a national honor society initiated a new chapter at the University of Maryland Sept. 16.

Officers of the UW-Stout chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron, a national honor society in family and consumer sciences, initiated 38 student members and two honorary faculty members into the University of Maryland chapter. The two universities were connected digitally during the initiation ceremony.

The ceremony was the first digital initiation ceremony conducted between U.S. chapters of Phi Upsilon Omicron.

UW-Stout releases September talk show video

The latest edition of "About Stout," the University of Wisconsin-Stout's new talk show series, has been released. The September show features Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen discussing his first 19 years on campus and Admissions Director Cynthia Gilberts discussing this year's incoming class and other subjects.

The program airs on Chippewa Valley Community Television. Local viewers can watch "About Stout" Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

The video also may be viewed online at www.uwstout.edu/aboutstout/.

CROP Walk, Rock & Roll

People are hungry in Dunn County and people are hungry around the world. In Dunn County 1 out of 8 people are food-insecure. In the world 1 out of 8 people are so hungry that they are starving and dying. We can change that! We can join our community.

Our Dunn County CROP Walk, Rock & Roll will be held Sunday, October 14. Participants will be able to participate in a one-mile parade, a 6-mile walk, one hour of rocking and/or a 10-mile bike route. All will start and finish at the First Congregational Church, 420 Wilson Ave., Menomonie. Registration will be at 1:00 p.m. and the events will start at 1:30 p.m.

CROP Walk T-shirts are being given this year to the first 20 people to sign up to be a recruiter for a church or group. Also, the first 30 participants who raise \$100 will be given one of these colorful new T-shirts. Westconsin Credit Union has donated the T-Shirts, with printing done by Knaack's Advertising Service.

The CROP Walk Planning Team has set a goal of recruiting 200 participants and raising \$14,000 to help stop hunger here in our community and around the world. One-fourth of the funds raised will go to the Interfaith Food Pantry of Dunn County.

Three-fourths of the funds will be used nationally and internationally to both - respond to disasters and provide long-term relief through self-help development projects. Right now, for example, CROP Walk funds are helping victims of the floods in Kansas, earthquakes in Indonesia, and training for low-income domestic workers in Haiti.

Locally, funds raised by the CROP Walk, Rock & Roll will help purchase food at 4 cents to 14 cents per pound from the food bank in Eau Claire. Lana Anderson, Interfaith Food Pantry Coordinator, states an urgent need for food as the numbers of people seeking emergency food has risen 7 per cent this year - with the food pantry serving over 370 families per month.

When asked, "Who are the new people needing food?" Lana responded, "For example, there's the young mother and three small children who came in the other day. The father was recently laid off of a seasonal job. Then, the father left. So, with no income, the mother was struggling to feed and care for the children." Many families need food because of low-income and temporary jobs.

Each person who plans to participate in the CROP Walk, Rock & Roll should pick up a sponsor record now. You can get sponsor records at many area churches and The Ministry at UW-Stout, 1202 N. Broadway, Menomonie.

Then, each walker can ask friends and neighbors, "Are you going to be in the CROP Walk, Rock & Roll?" If their answer is, "No," then say, "I am going to be in the CROP Walk, Rock & Roll. Would you like to sponsor me?" For more information, contact Julie McNaughton, Coordinator, 235-9377 or mcnaughtond@uwstout.edu.

Stout surplus property public sale and online store

A Stout surplus property public sale will be held Thursday, Sept. 20th, from 12:30-2:30 p.m., in room 146 of the University Services Building. Written bids will be accepted on robots, power supply, digital mail system, generator and more. Other items for sale include miscellaneous school and office furniture and supplies,

graphic calculator view screens, calculators, typewriters, telephones, answering machines, carts, bookcases, bed frames, old metal children's trikes, children's furniture and toys, laptop docking stations, computers, monitors, speakers, and accessories, televisions and VCR's.

Check out the online storefront, Shoppes @ Stout and click on Surplus Shoppe.

Re-writing the record books one win at a time

By Joel Duncan
Sports Writer

When Brett Favre announced he would be returning for a 17th season in the NFL, he put himself in excellent position to rewrite the NFL record books. Favre came into the season already holding several illustrious passing records such as most career pass completions (5,044) and most seasons with 30 or more touchdown passes (8).

The records that Favre is likely to take sole possession of in the 2007 NFL season are all-time career regular season wins by a quarterback, career touchdown passes, and the not so renowned career interceptions thrown record.

Against the New York Giants last Sunday, Favre was able to guide his team to victory for the 149th time in his career, breaking the record that was previously tied with John Elway. Of all the records Favre has gathered throughout his career this one will probably be his most prized as it shows his "team first" attitude about simply getting the victory.

It was just another typical Favre performance as he was able to dissect a subpar Giants secondary that for the second week in a row gave up three or more touchdown passes. After a scoreless first quarter, both teams traded touchdown drives and New York was able to tack on an additional field goal before halftime giving the G-Men a 10-7 lead going into the locker room.

As the Packers took the field for the second half, they took the initiative and

reclaimed the lead as they received the opening half kickoff and marched down the field for a drive that was capped by a Favre pass to Bubba Franks in the front middle of the end zone. The touchdown reception was only Franks' second since 2005.

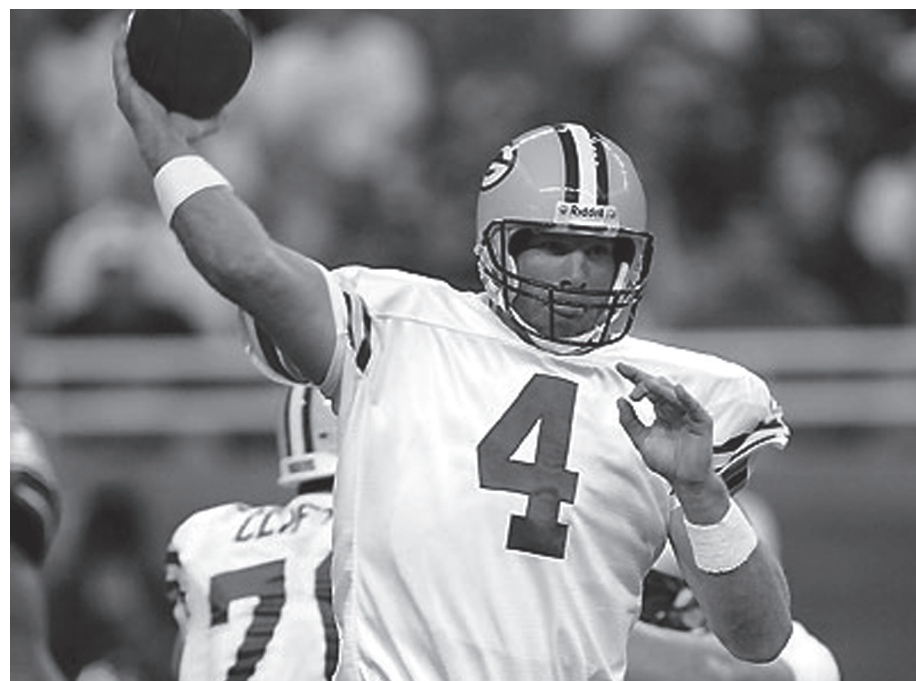
The Giants were able to match the scoring drive with one of their own as Lawrence Tynes kicked a 32-yard field goal with 4:22 left to go in the third quarter. This would turn out to be the last contribution that the Giants would be giving to their side of the scoreboard.

Favre was able to sync up with his receivers and move the football with relative ease. The fourth quarter consisted of touchdown drives of 80 and 22 yards going to a couple of guys named Donald. Mr. Lee and Mr. Driver were able to cap off their respective drives with touchdown receptions while giving insurance points for number four's record-setting victory.

In addition, those two touchdown passes by Favre gave him career numbers 416 and 417, leaving him three away from tying the all-time mark of 420, currently being held by former Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino.

The final stat line for Favre was 29 completions on 38 attempts going for 289 yards and three touchdowns with one interception. He was able to keep the Giants at bay by spreading the ball around to his relatively inexperienced receiving corps. Five different receivers had four or more receptions.

One of the unsung heroes of the game was rookie running back DeShawn Wynn.



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The seventh-round pick from the reigning national champion, the Florida Gators was able to pick up 50 yards on the ground while rushing for touchdowns of six and 38 yards. The combination of Wynn and

fellow rookie Brandon Jackson was able to produce a steady running game that allowed Favre to direct his team to victory for a very special occasion.



Michelle Hahn

This five-foot-six inch freshman soccer player from Hartford, Wis. is a hotel, tourism and restaurant management major. In her spare time, Michelle enjoys horseback riding, running and reading.



In high school, Michelle was a two-time all-conference player, captain of her team for two years, and won the 2006 Times Press all-area hustle award.

Near the end of the game against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Michelle scored her first collegiate goal as the University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils beat UW-Platteville 1-0 in the conference opener on Saturday. Kudos to you, freshman.

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Volleyball coach earns 300th career win

By Danielle Beck
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout girls' volleyball split their Bridge Tournament on Sept. 14 and 15 in Superior and Duluth winning two matches and losing two.

Goals going into the tournament were to go 4-0. "We wanted to play at a high level and stay at that level throughout the weekend," said head coach Jill Jolliff.

In the first match of the tournament the Blue Devils dominated the College of St. Catherine's winning three games to none. The Blue Devils won with scores of 30-24, 30-26 and 30-24. Junior Kendra Pagel led the team with 13 kills.

Leading the way in digs was senior Casey Huntoon with 25, senior Linda Meyer with 15, sophomore Alicia Mizer and freshman Kim Labat both with eight. Overall the team had nine blocks and 10 aces. This win also marked Jolliff's 300th career win.

"I wasn't thinking about number 300, I was thinking about the team and the post game speech," said Jolliff "I was excited that we won the match."

After beating St. Kate's, the Blue Devils faced Lakeland where they lost by one game to three. The match against Lakeland was not counted for or against the Blue Devils record because it was considered exhibition as the Lakeland team was from Canada.

The UW-Stout was able to hold off Northland by winning three matches to one. UW-Stout pulled ahead winning the first game with a score of 30-25. Then Northland fired back winning the next game with a score of 30-26.

The Blue Devils then went unanswered the next two games winning with scores of 30-18 and 30-23. Junior Bridget Kelley led the Blue Devils with 13 kills. Three other Blue Devils went into double-digit kills, Pagel had 12 and Meyer and senior Jenna Swanson both had 10.

Senior setter Jenna Welsh had 43 assists and eight kills.

In the last match of the tournament against St. Scholastica the Blue Devils won three games to two with scores of 30-24, 26-30, 26-30, 30-25, and 15-11. Leading the Blue Devils with kills were Meyer with 26 and Pagel with 11.

Huntoon also added in 41 digs. Other dig leaders were Meyer with 18, and Mizer and Welsh both had 17. Welsh also had 54 assists. With three solo blocks and six block assists was junior Maggie Meixel. The team had a total of 10 blocks.

"I feel that we could have defeated Scholastica," said Jolliff "We lost in five games and played inconsistent." Jolliff feels because the team did not beat St. Scholastica, they did not accomplish their goal.

Welsh was named to the All-Tournament team. Jolliff feels the team's greatest strength of the tournament was their defense. "We had some great plays on both sides of

the net," said Jolliff, "that is what makes this game so exciting."

The Blue Devils open their Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference season against the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Friday, Sept. 21. Jolliff said, "We would like to play consistent and win the match, it's our WIAC opener." Jolliff feels the toughest part about playing UW-Stevens Point will be playing the team at the height of their game and then maintaining that throughout the match.

"We have to be persistent in our defensive attacks," said Jolliff. "Stevens Point is a very scrappy team and they do not make things easy for the opponent." UW-Stout will go into the match with an overall record of 8-4 and UW-Stevens Point will be going into the match with an overall record of 10-4. UW-Stevens Point will be coming into the match on a seven game winning streak. UW-Stevens Point is currently two places ahead of UW-Stout for the WIAC title.

A fresh start to a fresh soccer season

UW-Stout Women's Soccer opens conference season with victory

By Joel Duncan
Sports Writer

Last Saturday the Blue Devils Women's Soccer team traveled the state to play the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in the conference opener for both teams.

Stout relied on a new face this time around to pull out the victory. Freshman Michelle Hahn stepped up and scored her first career goal that turned out to be the game winner as the final score was 1-0.

The true freshman from Hartford, Wis. was able to head the ball into the net seventy minutes and fifty one seconds into the game. Kelsey Keimig was there for the assist.

Hahn made the most of her opportunity as it was her only shot attempt of the day. This was all made possible by a set play from a driven corner kick by Keimig.

It was the perfect afternoon for a soccer match as the teams

were treated to sunny skies and stingy defense. Both teams played consistent, rock solid defense for a majority of the game.

During a scoreless first half UW-Platteville held the upper hand in shots with four while the UW-Stout offense wasn't able to congregate a shot on goal during the first forty five minutes.

The second half provided a different story as Stout was able to come back after

the intermission and provide just the offensive spark that the team desperately needed in this defensive chess match.

The UW-Stout women were able to gain an edge in shots over the course of the second period 4-3.

After Hahn's goal put UW-

Stout up 1-0 with a quarter of the game still left to play, the Pioneers recognized they needed to act quickly if they were to erase their current deficit.

As the Blue Devils continued to play their steady defense the UW-Platteville women were truly stymied as time kept running off the clock.

The Pioneer's last chance attempt was a shot by Sarah Gengler that was wide right.

Her shot came with just under five minutes to play but it was too little too late.

When talking with Rachel Herzog, a junior, she informed me that with each game played the team becomes a more cohesive unit. Herzog also stated that the combination of veteran leadership and an influx of talented freshmen that have progressively made this year's squad a consistently competitive team.

With the win the Blue Devils improved to 2 wins, 4 losses with a perfect record thus far in conference play (1-0). UW-Platteville fell to 1 win, 2 losses, and 3 ties with the defeat to go along with an 0-1 conference record.

The team returns to action in a non-conference battle with the College of St. Catherine on September 19th at 7 p.m. here at Stout. The next conference matchup takes place this Saturday, Sept. 22, at 2 p.m.



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UW-Stout soccer player kicks up the heat during soccer play last Saturday.



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Disc golf club plays in 2nd annual Badger Kick-Off Classic

By Michael Broetzmann

Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout disc golf club kicked off their season last weekend as they traveled down to Madison for the "2nd Annual Badger Kick-Off Classic" which took place at the challenging and wonderfully maintained Vallarta-Ast disc golf course.

The competition was fierce with a 60-player field from eight colleges across Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The event consisted of two 18-hole rounds from both the professional and amateur tees. The contenders battled for both individual and team points that will determine entrants for the championships located at Highbridge Hills Sports Complex in May.

Although the competition can be brutal, it is more of a friendly contest. On Saturday night, all the participants camped together and enjoyed live music and a bonfire.

Adam Sturm, President of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh club, had this to say about the event, "Although we come from all over to compete in these tournaments, it isn't about just going out there and competing against each other, it is about a bunch of students who just love to play disc golf and have a good time, we have kids come out with all skill levels to play, beginners to veterans and at the end of each tournament we do our best to make sure everybody leaves with a smile."

Playing for UW-Stout was Jason Hendrickson, Shawn Moen, Travis Sutton, Mike Broetzmann and Charles Schretenthaler.

Combined, they ended up finishing fourth in the team competition, as they were edged out only by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and St. Cloud State respectively but managed to hold off the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, the University of Wis-

consin-Whitewater and UW-Oshkosh.

"We have a strong crew of club members that have dramatically improved since last year, along with a solid group of incoming freshmen. We anticipate a great step up in our rankings over the next couple of events," said Travis Sutton.

"Each year since the club's founding has always been more exciting with more members, more local courses, more tournaments and a huge growing family of collegiate disc golfers around the region. This year however, we have made leaps and bounds in comparison to the past. It is a very exciting time as we (college disc golf club leaders) developed the Upper Midwest Collegiate Disc Golf Association (UMCDGA) this summer. Not only is the association a source of information for developing clubs but we coordinate a collegiate disc golf tour, which is a first for the sport. With our growing numbers, we are currently seeking sponsorships to increase the quality of our events and the quality of our courses," said Jason Hendrickson, who founded the club in 2002.

One local business has caught on to the growth of disc golf. The Pioneer Grill and Saloon is opening up an impressive nine-hole course located on jungle-like rolling terrain with the peaceful Lamb's Creek winding its way through the track.

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As the second event on the UMCDGA Tour, The Great Menomonie Disc Golf Crawl Sept. 29 and 30, will debut the Pioneer 9, along with one round played at Wakanda and one at Brickyard.

This event will be packed with fun, cash and prizes. For more information on the club, college disc golf or the events, toss an email to stoutdiscgolfclub@uwstout.edu.



Contributed Photo

Above, Pictured left to right Charles Schretenthaler, Sean Moen, Jason Hendrickson, Travis Sutton, and above, Mike Broetzmann.

Right, University of Wisconsin-Stout's freshman Charles Schretenthaler tees off at the Vallarta-Ast disc golf course in Madison.



Photo by Michael Broetzmann

Four-hour Blue Devil Women's Tennis match ends with a "W"

By Michael Broetzmann

Sports Writer

The Blue Devils women's tennis team fought long and hard to edge out conference rivals University of Wisconsin-River Falls this past Tuesday night. The team won 5-4 in a match that went for nearly four hours.

Although the rain was falling outside, it did not stop the competition from taking place as the matches were moved inside to the Multi-Purpose Room in the Athletic Center.

As the match started, the Blue Devils fell behind quickly after going down 2-1 in doubles play. The only winners in doubles play was the team of Lindsey Lubarda and Danielle Farchmin, playing at the number three position.

The stage was now set as the Blue Devils fought back in singles play, going down 4-2.

Winning in singles play at the number two position was Jodie Czech, junior from Foley, Minn., who won in two sets.

At the number three position was Kiersten Johnson, senior from Andover, Minn., who came back from a tie-breaker to win.

Winning at the number four position was Natalie Hahn senior from Mound, Minn., who battled long and hard to take the win. Victorious at the number five position was Michelle Hohl, senior from Portage, Wis.

The team only dropped two matches at the number one and six positions. Allie Hinman, freshman from Lino Lakes, Minn., lost only her second match of the year at number

one position to a very talented Kozue Matsumoto, who was also the WIAC Player of the Week.

The only other loss was by Lindsey Lubarda a sophomore from Champlin, Minn., at the number six position.

The win is very important to the team, as last year they battled with UW-River Falls for the fourth place position in WIAC.

This position is crucial as only the top four teams in WIAC qualify for the NCAA Division III tournament that is held in the spring.

Several individuals on the Blue Devil team will travel this weekend for the ITA Regionals Tournament at Gustavus Adolphus.

The team will resume WIAC competition on Thursday, Sept. 27 as they will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire to face a tough squad who is currently 2-0 in the WIAC and has been WIAC champions 10 of the last 15 years.

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Golf takes top two at Edgewood College's Fall Classic

By Danielle Beck
Sports Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout varsity and B golf team took the top two places as well as five of the ten available trophies at Edgewood College's Culver's Fall Classic at the Oaks in Madison on Sept. 16 and 17.

After the first day of the tournament, the Blue Devils varsity team was in second place behind Robert Morris College with

305 strokes. The B team ended the day with 306 strokes.

At the end of the day, Adam Chandler, a junior from the junior varsity team was tied for second place with Chris Meyers of Robert Morris College by shooting a 74. Other Stout leaders were Geoff Pirkel, a junior who was tied for fourth after shooting a 75. Sophomore Derek Holmes was tied for eighth by shooting a 76.

At the end of the tournament, the Blue Devils varsity team finished in first place

by shooting a team total of 302 for a tournament score of 607. The B team finished the tournament with a score of 306 for a team tournament total of 612 taking second place in front of Robert Morris College and the hosting Edgewood teams.

Pirkel finished with a tie for second shooting a 74 on the second day of tournament play with a total tournament score of 149. Tying for fourth from the UW-Stout junior varsity team was Matt Fielder, a freshman, with a 72 on the second day of

the tournament which was also the second lowest score of the day. Fielder finished the tournament with a combined score of 160.

Tyler Mahlik, a sophomore, finished sixth with a tournament total of 151 and Holmes placed seventh with a total score of 152 and Logan Stelter, a freshman, tied for eighth with a combined score of 154.

Golf will compete next at the Wigglesworth Bugold Invitation on Sept. 23 and 24 at the Eau Claire Country Club.

Football team falls to 1-1 against Missouri Rolla Miners



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By Ryan McGlennen
Sports Editor

After an extensive week of game planning, the University of Wisconsin-Stout football team fell to the Missouri Rolla Miners 10-28 on Saturday, Sept. 8.

The Miners came out striking, getting into the end zone three times within the first 20 minutes of the game. Late in the first quarter, the Blue Devils fumbled on their own nine-yard line, turning the ball over to the Miners.

It took only three plays for the Miners to find their way into the end zone, making the score 14-0, Missouri

Rolla. Again in the first half the Blue Devils managed to turn the ball over, this time on Missouri Rolla's 20-yard line.

After a Blue Devil personal foul and a 46-yard passing play from Brad Guidry to

Nathan Binder, the Miners were within field goal range.

Guidry then put the ball in the air to All-American wide receiver Ashton Grone-wold, scoring a 15-yard touchdown. They did manage to put some points on the board with their next possession.

Tanner Kattre led a drive downfield, connecting back-to-back 20 plus yard receptions to Dan Lytle and Shawn Korth. The drive ended with a one-yard touchdown run from Kattre, cutting the lead to 21-7 at halftime.

Early in the second half, UW-Stout drove the ball 65 yards down field setting up a 25-yard field goal for Kyle Martin. Martin nailed the kick, making the score 21-10.

Late in the fourth quarter the Blue Devils drove down the length of the field until an errant throw from Kattre led to an interception on the Miners 25-yard line. Missouri Rolla then went the distance in eight plays, finishing the game 28-10.

Although the score board was quite

lopsided, the battle of statistics was relatively even. Missouri Rolla managed a total of 362 yards, 304 of which came from their passing attack and the other 58 from their ground game.

Stout tallied 309 total yards, 213 by passing and 96 by rushing. Kattre finished the day 17-for-29 with 213 yards, two interceptions and one rushing touchdown.

This weekend the Blue Devils play against Whitworth University. Last year's double overtime loss to Whitworth left a sour taste in the Blue Devils' mouths.

Eager to exorcise last year's loss, the Blue Devils will travel to Spokane, Wash. in order to play Whitworth.

The UW-Stout football team had last weekend off, so they hope to come out and show Whitworth University what one full week of rest can do.

The Blue Devils' next football game is on Saturday, Sept. 22, at Whitworth College at 1 p.m. Pacific Time.

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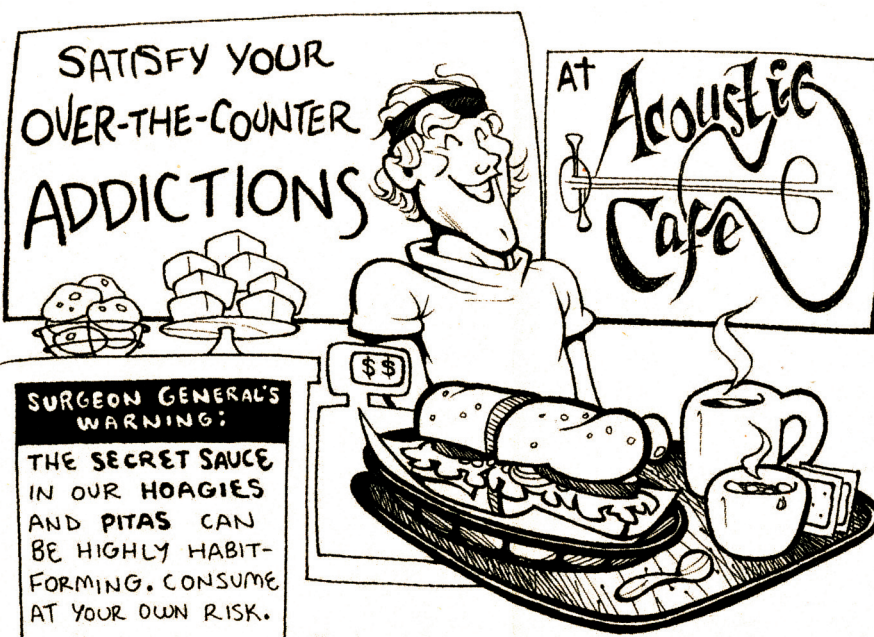
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Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Blue Devil Volleyball

8-1 The UW-Stout Blue Devils split their final two games at the Bridge Tournament at St. Scholastica on Saturday. The Blue Devils beat Northland College, 3-1, but lost to St. Scholastica 3-2.

Next Game: Friday, Sept. 21 vs. UW-Stevens Point at 7 p.m.



Blue Devil Tennis

4-1 In a four hour match where UW-Stout led and trailed on and off, the Blue Devils finally prevailed with a 5-4 WIAC win over UW-River Falls on Tuesday.

Next Game: Sept. 21-22 at the ITA Regional (to be announced)



Blue Devil Football

1-1 The UW-Stout Football team started the the season with a win over Menlo College, but failed to reach the same outcome against Missouri Rolla. Early in the game the Blue Devils found themselves trailing 21-0. UW-Stout battle back but never surpassd Missouri Rolla, losing the game 28-10.

Next game: (Away) At Whitworth University on Sat. Sept. 22 at 1 p.m. Pacific Time.



Blue Devil Soccer

2-5-0 The Blue Devils were held scoreless in a match against the St. Catherine Wildcats. Even though seven UW-Stout players tallied a total of 11 shots, none of them found their way to the net as the Blue Devils soccer team fell to a record of 2-5.

Next Game: UW-Oshkosh on Saturday, Sept. 22 at 2 p.m.



Men's Golf

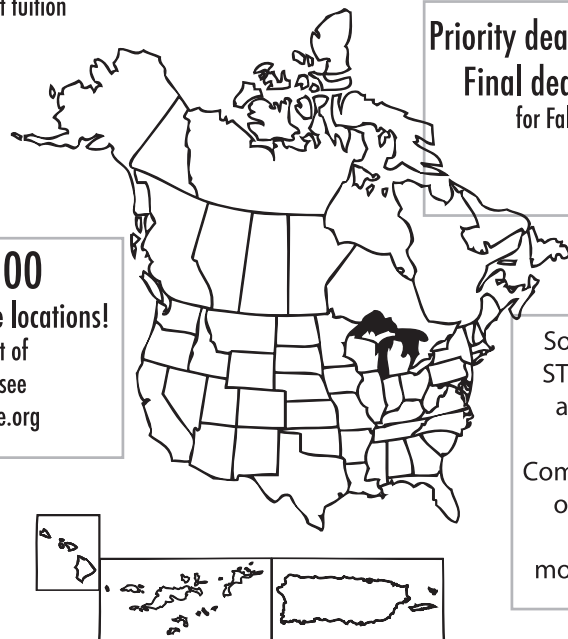
UW-Stout took the top two spots at the Edgewood tourney. The Blue Devils took home five of the 10 trophies in the Edgewood College Culvers' Fall Classic on Monday. The Tournament was played at the Oaks near Madison. The win marks Stout's first tournament title since returning to varsity status during the 2006-07 season.

Next Meet: Sept. 23-24 at the UW-Eau Claire Invite

Stout football team loses one on the road | Women's soccer team held to a shutout | Tennis team beats UW-River Falls after a four-hour match

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- Job Search Strategy Workshop. 3:35 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. Room 430, Library Learning Center
- Slack Line Clinic. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Monday, September 24

- How to Find a Co-op/ Internship Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 430, Library Learning Center

Tuesday, September 25

- Steak Night. At regular meal prices. Commons: 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Tainter: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Cover Letters and Professional Communication. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 430, Library Learning Center
- Gravity Never Sleeps – Outdoor Rock Climbing Anchoring Systems Class. Cost: \$50 student, \$75 community. Classroom 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Wednesday, September 26

- Listening Sessions Scheduled. 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Room 201, Millennium Hall
- How to Prepare for the Career Conference Workshop. 1:25 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Room 430, Library Learning Center
- Listening Sessions Scheduled 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Thursday, September 27

- How to Prepare for the Career Conference Workshop. 12:20 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. Room 430, Library Learning Center
- Gravity Never Sleeps – Outdoor Rock Climbing Anchoring Systems Class. Cost: \$50 student, \$75 community. Classroom 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Friday, September 28

- Workshop on Online Survey Tool. 10:10 a.m. to 11:10 p.m. Ballroom C, MSC
- Gravity Never Sleeps – Outdoor Rock Climbing Anchoring Systems Class. Outdoor Instruction at Devil's Lake through Sept. 30.
- North Country Paddle and Hike through Sept. 30. Cost: \$45 student, \$55 community. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Monday, October 1

- Resume Workshop. 12:20 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. Room 430, Library Learning Center
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- Beth Reseach Retirement Reception. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. 4th Floor Conference Room, Bowman Hall

Tuesday, October 2

- EDGE Program: Registration and Records. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Room 205, Millennium Hall
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- "Let It Out!" dialogue series suggestions. 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Ballroom B, MSC
- Ouija Radio with The Blind Shake – music. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Friday, September 21

- A Scanner Darkly – movie. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

Wednesday, September 26

- Salsa and Meringue Lessons. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
- Thursday, September 27
- Open Mic Night. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Athletics**Friday, September 21**

- Tennis at ITA Regional, Gustavus Adolphus, St. Peter, MN.
- Women's and Men's Cross Country at UW-Eau Claire Invite. 4 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. UW-Stevens Point. 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 22

- Women's Golf at DIII Midwest Classic, Troy Burne Golf Course, Hudson, WI.
- Tennis at ITA Regional, Gustavus Adolphus, St. Peter, MN.
- Football at Whitworth University. 1 p.m. (PT)
- Soccer vs. UW-Oshkosh. 2 p.m.

Sunday, September 23

- Women's Golf at DIII Midwest Classic, Troy Burne Golf Course, Hudson, WI.
- Men's Golf at Wigglesworth Blugold Invite, Eau Claire CC, Eau Claire, WI. 9 a.m.
- Soccer at University of Dubuque. 3 p.m.

Monday, September 24

- Men's Golf at Wigglesworth Blugold Invite, Eau Claire CC, Eau Claire, WI. 9 a.m.

Wednesday, September 26

- Volleyball at UW-Superior. 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 27

- Tennis at UW-Eau Claire. 3:30 p.m.

Friday, September 28

- Volleyball at UW-Platteville Tournament, vs. Lake Forest. 6 p.m.
- Volleyball at UW-Platteville Tournament vs. UW-Platteville. 8 p.m.

Saturday, September 29

- Women's Golf at UW-Stevens Point Invite, Stevens Point Country Club.
- Women's and Men's Cross Country at

Roy Griak Invitational, Minneapolis, MN. 9 a.m.

- Volleyball at UW-Platteville Tournament vs. Cornell, IA. 10 a.m.
- Tennis vs. UW-Stevens Point. 10 a.m.
- Volleyball at UW-Platteville Tournament vs. UW-Eau Claire, noon
- Football vs. UW-Platteville. 1 p.m. (Hall of Fame Game)
- Soccer at UW-La Crosse. 2 p.m.

Sunday, September 30

- Women's Golf at UW-Stevens Point Invite, Stevens Point Country Club.

Wednesday, October 3

- Soccer vs. UW-Eau Claire. 7 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. UW-Eau Claire. 7 p.m.

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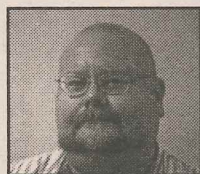
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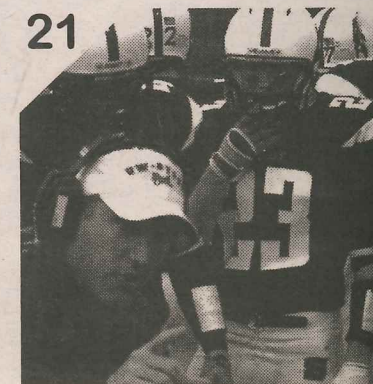
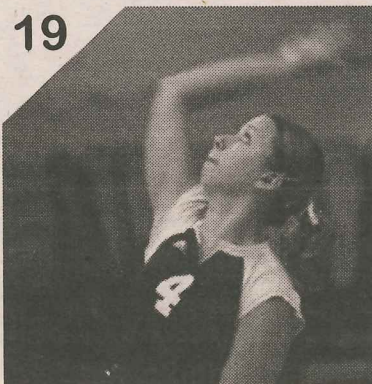
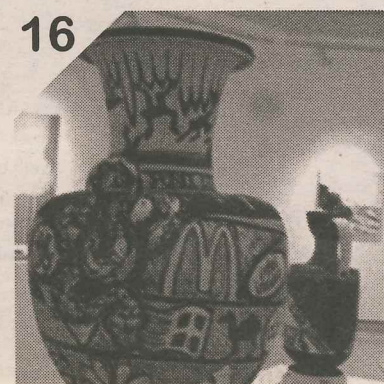
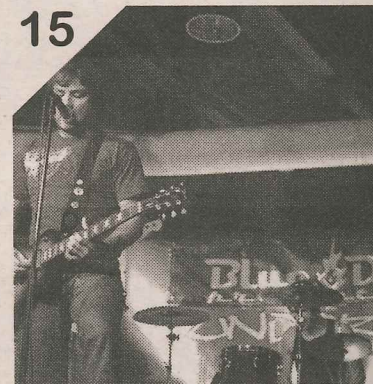
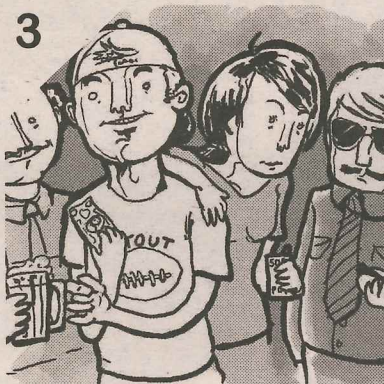
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On the other side of homecoming

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

It's safe to say how students feel about homecoming. It's the one weekend a year when the majority of University of Wisconsin-Stout students actually stay in Menomonie. Between cramming as many friends from home into our dorm rooms and hoping the resident advisor on rounds doesn't knock on our door again, it's probably one of the best times of the year.

But how does everyone else feel about it? Do teachers dread the weekend where not one student does homework? Does the campus police station dispatch every policeman in the county? We asked a couple people in the neighborhood to see how homecoming affects them.

Surely, law enforcement sees homecoming a little differently than we do, on the opposite end of the spectrum... or chase. We interviewed Sgt. Keith McCarten and Sgt. Robert W. Starck of the UW-Stout campus police to see how they felt about homecoming. Surprisingly, they were all for it. The police force looks forward to the celebration, and enjoys interacting with people they don't get to see every day, especially alumni. Starck thinks it's great to see the "Community come together, along with the generations of Stout students and graduates." When asked if they take any extra precautions during this time, McCarten said that they create a "safe presence so everyone can feel safe and have fun." "The majority of students are terrific and respect the tradition, there's only a few that abuse the event," said sergeant Starck. Still, all their officers are working that weekend. "We'd rather take a proactive stance instead of a reactive one." All in all, they are just as excited as we are.

The local businesses are excited too. They get an explosion of business on homecoming, especially the bars. According



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to Chris Wakefield, the kitchen manager for Waterfront Bar and Grill on Crescent Street, "We have steady sales from 7 a.m. on Saturday morning all the way till midnight." Chris says they are so packed on this weekend that they stop serving food after 6 p.m. to concentrate on the influx of students and alumni who chose to celebrate through drink. Chris is currently finishing his internship requirement for the Hospitality and Tourism program, and splits his time between Waterfront and Badabing's where he is also a bartender. Not only do bars benefit students, but homecoming benefits the local businesses during this week. Chris says that no matter how busy the weekend gets,

it's still pretty exciting, because "business means money!"

The Domino's on South Campus gets a lot of hungry students on a normal weekend, but according to Assistant Manager Jeremy Richardson, "The business probably increases about four times on homecoming weekend." Extra staff must be at hand to deal with all those pizzas, since starting at "5 p.m. on it's really busy."

The teachers even have a positive view of the weekend. "Since we don't really have a fall break, I think homecoming is a good way to recognize the fall season. People need occasions and holidays to celebrate," says Spanish and French professor Martha Wal-

len. "The football game is the most important event, because everyone can attend, but the parade is also important." She recognizes that the memories of homecoming follow her students beyond this weekend when they "wear their homecoming T-shirts all year long...to feel happy." Teachers realize that homecoming is important to the students, but just how important is it to them? "By the time homecoming comes around, a lot of the faculty is caught up grading papers on weekends, so there's not much time to participate in the events," Wallen says that she likes to participate simply by buying a bratwurst from an outdoor stand on the way home from work.

Homecoming probably has the largest affect on Riverside Liquor, which specializes in "all your party needs." "We have to order a truckload of kegs in order to fill the demand for homecoming weekend," says Andy Towner, a senior in the construction management program. He says homecoming Saturday is definitely their busiest day of the year and all ten staff members are expected to work compared to the three to four that work a normal shift. "We even open at 8 a.m., an hour early on Saturday, because people are ready to get the festivities started." But don't worry about them running out of your favorite alcoholic drink; in addition to the almost two hundred kegs they will sell that weekend, Andy says they also stock up on "pretty much everything else."

This Year's Homecoming "Stout Rocks" Events

Thursday, October 4th

- Official Homecoming T-shirts go on sale in University bookstore, cost is only \$6.00.

Monday, October 15th

- Rockin' Penny Wars- Oct. 15 at 9 a.m. until Oct. 18 at 4:30
- Stout Rocks Karaoke- 7 p.m. in Great Hall of MSC

Tuesday, October 16th

- Rock your Soapbox Derby- Races at 4 p.m. on Wilson Ave & 2nd St. W

Wednesday, October 17th

- Comedian Jay Black- 8 p.m. in the Great Hall

Thursday, October 18th

- Rock Around Your Couch-a-Thon- starting at 12 p.m. on the MSC South Lawn

Friday, October 19th

- Coronation and Hypnotist Daniel James- 8 p.m. in the Great Hall, MSC

Saturday, October 20th

- Parade of Rock- starts at the Dunn County Recreation Park
- Homecoming Football Game- 1 p.m. against River Falls

Recyclable-Art Competition honors America Recycles Day

Amand Schield
News Editor

GreenSense, a student environmental club at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, is teaming up with Sustainable Dunn and Dunn County Solid Waste to sponsor a recyclable art competition.

People of all ages residing in Dunn County, Wisconsin are invited to participate. A unique Recyclable-Art Competition will be held on Monday, Nov. 12th in The Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center at the UW-Stout.

From 7-9 p.m., live music and recycling education booths are scheduled. In addition, each person will have the opportunity to vote

on their favorite art creations. Artwork will be judged separately for the following categories:

- Elementary School Student
- Middle School Student
- High School Student
- College Student
- Non-college, Adult (18 and older)

for each category, two prizes will be awarded- Popular Choice (greatest number of votes by people attending the event) and Judge's Choice (greatest number of votes by the judging panel). Judging will occur from 7-8 p.m. and the winners will be announced by 8:30 p.m.

All art entries must be made from recyclable materials and be delivered to The Great Hall in the Memorial Student Cen-

ter at UW-Stout, Menomonie by 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12.

To compete in this event, all artists need to register by Nov. 1. To register, please send an email to Krista James at jamesk@uwstout.edu or Raina Clark clarkra@uwstout.edu. Include your name, contact information and judging category (elementary, middle school, high school, college or non-college adult).

This event is sponsored by GreenSense (UW-Stout), Sustainable Dunn, and Dunn County Solid Waste in honor of America Recycles Day. America Recycles Day is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and buy recycled products.

Building through bowling

Erica Edblom
Staff Writer

Who wouldn't want a resume builder, or more importantly, a character builder? Special Olympics is providing an opportunity for the University of Wisconsin-Stout students and the community to get involved in a bowling tournament to raise awareness and provide competition and encouragement for athletes in the Special Olympics.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, the Indianhead Area three Southern Bowling Tournament is taking place in Eau Claire at Wagners, Bowl Winkles and University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Hilltop Rec Center. Area 3 is comprised of 18 counties coming together for the tournament. The event is divided into a variety of sections including singles, doubles and mixed doubles. This event allows the Special Olympics athletes to compete against each other using the same rules and regulations as athletes in the professional tour.

The best part is that anyone can volunteer. Volunteers are either assigned to a specific lane where they enjoy time with the athletes keeping them on task, but more importantly cheering and motivating the athletes on. Other volunteers may be assigned to help an athlete with a severe disability bowl. Whatever a volunteer may be doing, it's an opportunity to connect with the athletes and enjoy time getting to know one another through competition and sports.

If you would like to volunteer you can contact the Special Olympics of Wisconsin through email at pknez@specialolympicswisconsin.org or contact professor Lynn LaVenture on campus for more details.

You can still take part by being a number one fan. Head to Eau Claire and cheer on the local athletes with other friends and family. UW-Stout students and organizations should keep an eye out for more Special Olympics tournaments, especially the one taking place here at UW-Stout in March. A basketball and gymnastics tournament will be held on campus. Lynn LaVenture said, "Volunteers will be greatly needed and this will be a wonderful opportunity for organizations on campus to volunteer."

If you are not a sports lover, you can participate in the Polar Plunge in February. Get a group of friends together or members from an organization and take a chilly dip to raise money for the Special Olympics, and have all your friends and family there to cheer you on! Or you can donate money and support your friends who are plunging.

The Special Olympics provide many events for Wisconsin athletes but depends on participation from within the communities. I encourage all of UW-Stout's students to watch for flyers and search the Web to get involved for a good cause.



www.specialolympicswisconsin.org

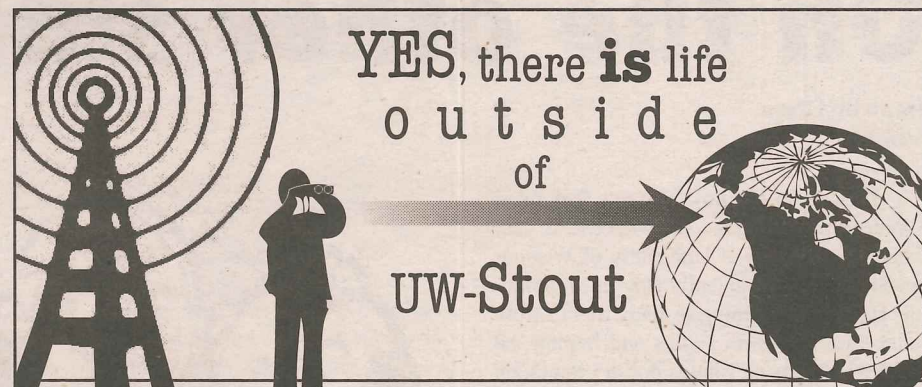
"Let me win. But if I can't win, let me be brave in the attempt."

— Special Olympics Athlete Oath

At A Glance

The Special Olympics of Wisconsin is an organization comprised of 220 communities and 10,000 athletes with cognitive disabilities that are given the opportunity to train and compete year round in sports of their interest and abilities. SOWI's mission is to give these individuals the opportunity to increase physical fitness, reveal courage and experience joy with fellow athletes and the community.

For more information on the Special Olympics, information on donating, and upcoming events surf the Web at <http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org>.



No child left insured

From the Associated Press: President Bush vetoed a measure to expand a popular children's health care program, launching the first in a series of major battles with Democrats over domestic spending.

The legislation had bipartisan support in the U.S. Congress and the veto risks angering many Republicans who fear the issue could hurt their party in the 2008 elections.

Democrats called the veto "cruel" and "heartless." The measure would have provided an extra \$35 billion over five years for a health program for low-income children.

Cigarette taxes would have been raised to fund the expansion from the current \$25 billion level.

Supporters of the bill said the extra money would have helped provide health coverage for 10 million children.

Dirty apes rob and assault ATM customers

In Orlando, Florida, two robbers wearing gorilla masks held up and pistol-whipped a man at an ATM early Wednesday, Oct. 3.

According to police, these gorilla guerrillas are suspected of robbing another ATM customer at the Vista Credit Union located on south International Drive a short time later. Deputies are investigating.

Man exposes butt to police officers. Resulting arrest and DNA testing gets man life in prison for old rape charges. Now man doing best to keep butt covered up.

Lee Myrick, 41, was convicted Tuesday of raping a Hawthorne, Calif. woman during a burglary seven years ago.

The crime was unsolved until he exposed his bare buttocks years later. After Myrick was convicted of mooning officers outside his Watts housing project during a demonstration, he was required to submit a DNA sample for a law enforcement database.

Fast-forward to Oct. 2, Myrick faces multiple life terms because, in addition to being found guilty of residential burglary and two counts of rape, jurors found true special allegations that a gun was used, the burglary was gang-related and the rape occurred during a burglary while the victim was tied up.

"Thank goodness for DNA," said Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney Jodi Link.

"No, really! Our employees voluntarily work through their paid breaks!" Yes, we know: Wal-Mart's evil. But this story has a happy ending

Wal-Mart workers in Pennsylvania, who had previously been awarded \$78.5 million in a class-action lawsuit for working off the clock, will share an additional \$62.3 million in damages.

About 125,000 people will receive \$500 each in damages under a state law invoked when a company, without cause, withholds pay for more than 30 days. A Philadelphia jury awarded the workers the exact amount they had sought, rejecting Wal-Mart's claim that some people chose to work through breaks or that a few minutes of extra work here and there was insignificant.

The Pennsylvania class-action suit involves 187,000 current and former employees who worked at Wal-Mart and Sam's Clubs from March 1998 through May 2006.

The initial \$78.5 million award represented the wages lost by those workers.

Similar suits charging that Wal-Mart violated state wage laws are in play across the country.

Mass Toy Recall, part 2

You may have heard that last June, more than a million "Thomas & Friends" toys were pulled from store shelves because of lead paint. The maker of the smiley-faced trains (of death) sent customers "bonus gifts" so they'd stay loyal.

The catch: some of those toys have now been recalled, as well.

Among the 200,000 or so items on the new recall list were about 2,000 tainted train cars that RC2 Corp. sent to customers who turned in recalled items over the summer.

The double recall dredges up issues of global supply chain management and China's role as factory to the world.

It also shows how a company that says it's doing everything it can to ensure quality cannot guarantee that its products are lead free.

"We are deeply apologetic for and embarrassed by this turn of events, and remain determined to make it up to you and restore your confidence," wrote RC2 CEO Curt Stoelting and President Pete Henseler.

It won't be easy — already parents are venting on blogs.

Leaving a legacy behind

Amanda Schield
News Editor

If you are a student who is seeking a meaningful experience – one that will both add to your role as a significantly contributing citizen, and one that will support evidence of your involvement on campus, the Legacy Internship is for you.

Legacy Interns plan, produce and evaluate a project in a focus area to be presented at the end of the semester. Students will work individually or in small groups throughout the semester to develop a meaningful project – a legacy – for the university and/or local community. This program was developed to address a gap in program offerings by University Centers/Involvement and Leadership Center. The goal is to reach out to both students who wish to begin a leadership involvement on campus, and those who wish to further their leadership abilities.

“Students returning from their internships and Co-op experiences may realize that they don’t have the formal leadership or organizational training necessary to help them excel,” explains Mary McManus, The Assistant Director of University Centers. “This program will give them a sense of purpose or a specific leadership goal and having this experience will help them to succeed in a competitive job market.”

The second group is comprised of students who have already taken a position of leadership either in an organization or as part of a team who wish to leave a legacy

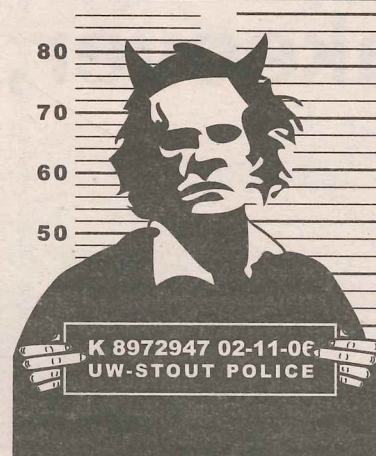
behind to make a deeper impact on the community or school. These students can benefit from building skills for learning how to run community events, lead small groups and learning how to be a contributing member of their community

Interns will meet from 10a.m.-2p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6. This meeting will be mandatory for all those wishing to still be a part of the program this semester. Interns will learn civility and civil mindedness, appreciate differences, learn to collaborate, and apply leadership practices. The workshop will focus on answering the question “how do you establish a sense of personal vision or mission based on your values, skills and characteristics?”

The registration deadline is 5p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4. Registration forms are available at the Service Center, and \$35 participation fee may also be paid at the Service Center of the Memorial Student Center. The fee covers Oct. 6 lunch, T-shirt, December closing reception, and materials. This program will also be offered next semester for interested individuals who may have missed the deadline.

Application/registration form is available at the Service Center or online at www.uwstout.edu/getinvolved/legacy.html. Interested students may also contact Mary McManus (mcmanusm@uwstout.edu) for further information.

The Legacy Intern project is sponsored by University Centers/Involvement and Leadership Center.



~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity
from Menomonie

Citations Issued

Sept. 15 through Oct. 3

- UAD – 1st offense – 11
- UAD – 2nd offense – 3
- Disorderly Conduct – 2
- Theft of university property > \$100 – 4
- Failure to yield to pedestrian – 1
- Criminal damage to property – 1
- Throwing of hard objects – 1
- Operating motor vehicle after suspension – 1
- Failure to evacuate building during fire alarm – 2

Chauvinist Neanderthal shows off ability to write

Between Saturday night, Sept. 15, and Sunday morning, Sept. 16.

A 19-year-old female student reported that someone had stolen the marker off her door’s whiteboard and had used it to leave an obscene message.

Several other whiteboards on the second and third floors of Jeter Hall were similarly vandalized with messages ranging from lewd to threatening in nature—all profane.

No suspects as yet.

Blame it on the sidewalk

Monday, Sept. 17. 9:55 a.m.

A 20-year-old male student requested police transportation to the Student Health Center for injuries sustained during a rollerblading accident.

Subject was rollerblading in front of the Applied Arts building when one of his wheels got “caught in a crack in the sidewalk,” causing him to “stop abruptly” and injure his left wrist and his face.

After dropping him off at the health center, the officer returned to the area in front of Applied Arts.

The officer did not observe any abnormalities in that portion of the sidewalk.

Serial graffiti artist

Sunday, Sept. 23.

The Johnson Field House called in an officer to observe several instances of black marker graffiti in and around the soccer field.

Identical doodle-like designs were drawn on a women’s bathroom door, a plastic garbage can, the electrical box on a light pole and an electrical “sub-station” south of the field.

The officer had observed the same design two days previously in the Vocational Rehabilitation building stairwells and in the third floor North Hall men’s bathroom.

No suspects as yet.

Menomonie SWAT responds to burglary. In other news, Menomonie has a SWAT team

Wednesday, Sept. 26. 4:35 a.m.

The Menomonie Police Department requested assistance from University Police for a burglary in progress at a Mathews Street residence.

Dispatchers reported that a female resident was in her bathroom and a male intruder, whom she did not know, was pointing a firearm at her.

Menomonie SWAT team cleared the house and no intruder was found.

North Hall archer glimpsed

Thursday, Sept. 27. 3:33 p.m.

Several people in and around North Hall reported a white male walking around with an unstrung recurve bow. He was seen entering a side entrance of North Hall.

Officers were unable to locate or identify this person, but believed that the bow may have had “something to do with an educational pursuit.”

Next time, just send a letter to the editor

Sunday, Sept. 30. 12:58 a.m.

An unknown complainant reported a small fire on a picnic table on the east side of Red Cedar Hall.

The fire was on the sidewalk moving north-bound. Officer pursued the fire and extinguished it with his foot.

It seems that an unknown person had lit an issue of *The Stoutonia* on fire on the picnic table, causing damage to the table’s vinyl coating.

Persons in the immediate area were interviewed but none of them had seen anything.

The longest word in the English language is
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Rockin’ Red Dress Gala: Wear Red for Alpha Phi!

The Gamma Sigma chapter of the Alpha Phi Fraternity is seeking community support and your attendance for our first annual Rocking Red Dress Gala, a philanthropic event benefiting the Alpha Phi foundation. Our Rockin’ Red Dress Gala features a silent auction, yummy hors d’oeuvres, as well as guest speakers with a cardiac care presentation! Cost of the event is \$7.

Saturday, October 13th from 5:00 - 8:00pm

RSVP by October 6th to Megan Grafe with your payment and how many people are attending to:

920 8th St
Menomonie, WI 54751

with no RSVP and payment prior, you will not be allowed to enter the event, sorry!

Thanks to everyone for making this first annual event a success!

Extreme Makeover; Playground Edition

Lauren Jacobson
Staff Writer

Community volunteers along with Stout students have joined forces to help build a brand new, fully customized playground for River Heights Elementary school Oct. 10-14.

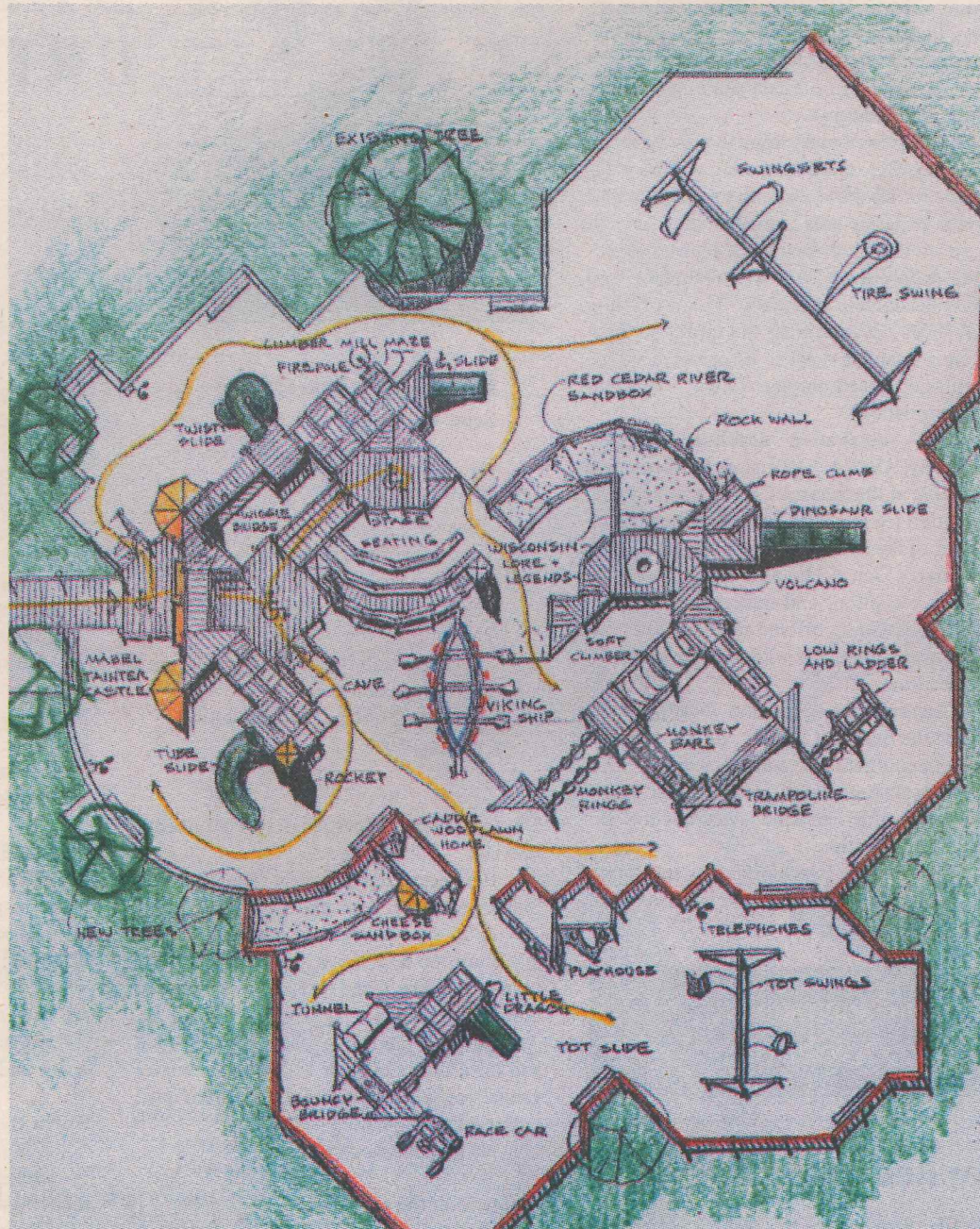
In a "grass roots movement," community members have banded together to organize the planning and executing of this special project. The River Heights Community Playground is being constructed on the same site as the wooden playground that was torn down early summer of 2007. The old playground was unacceptable due to its Arsenic-preserved structure and unsafe conditions.

The customized playground was designed by John Dean of Leathers Associates, based out of Ithaca, New York. Leathers Associates has 30 years of experience designing over 1,600 playgrounds around the country.

Dean came to Menomonie in February 2007 and sat down with students of River Heights Elementary for "Design Day." Students gave Dean their ideas and input on what they thought should be included. Among the ideas were a Viking ship and a rock wall. Dean also met with John Russell, a historian from the city of Menomonie. Together, they incorporated city history into the students' ideas. They created the Mabel Tainter Castle as the focal point of the playground. In addition to the castle, a mural will be painted to visually outline city history.

Being a grass roots movement, donations and volunteers were of the utmost importance. Considering expenses like materials and consulting fees, the estimated cost of the entire project is \$150,000, with much of the money coming from local businesses.

Menomonie Community Help Foundation awarded a grant of \$43,000 to make the playground compliant with American with Disabilities Act. Because of this, children in wheelchairs will be able to access all parts of the playground. Other donations came from Presto, Inc. /LE Philips in the denomination of \$25,000 and Bremer Banks in the amount of \$15,000. Other money was collected through private donations. Events like Buy-a-Board or Buy-a-Picket allowed people to purchase a piece of the playground for \$3 or \$25. Other fundraising events included a pancake breakfast at Applebee's and a penny drive. People also donated various materials



Submitted Image

Artists' rendering of River Heights Elementary students' playground design. a viking ship, cheese shaped sandbox and a "tot-lot" for children ages 2-5 are among the unique additions to this playground.

that accounted for \$10,000 of the budget.

Prior to the build of the playground, committees formed to organize aspects like childcare for volunteers during the build, food for meals, public relations promoting the event and organizing donated tools. These committees have worked exceptionally hard to recruit other volunteers to help.

At least 500 volunteers are needed for the building portion of the project. There will be three shifts a day over the five-day period. Shifts run from 8 a.m. to noon, 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Terry Mason, a volunteer coordinator of the River Heights Community Playground Project, has worked countless hours along with his wife Beth to recruit enough volunteers. "We plan on having 14 shifts with over 100 people on each" says Terry.

John Grape and Todd Edwards are the general coordinators of the entire project. a "I've been really impressed with the generosity of the community" says Grape, Chariman of Committees. "When its all said and done, this project is going to be something the community can be really proud of".

Mason agrees. "Community excitement is building about this project. We're building not just a playground, but building a community across all of Menomonie."

University of Wisconsin-Stout students are also getting involved. Students from the Stout Student Construction Association constructed 50 saw horses for use during the build. The organizational leadership class has all signed up to help throughout the five-day build. The CS-248 web and internet programming class have built and maintained

Construction Schedule

September 21, 2007: Removal of all remaining previous playground equipment located where new playground will be built

September 21, 2007: Removal of pea gravel

September 23, 2007: Putting up orange fencing surrounding the work site

September 26, 2007: Material delivery

October 2 and 3, 2007: Survey and staking of work site

October 4 and 5, 2007: Post holes dug and posts set

October 6 and 7, 2007: Site prep and tool check-in

If you are donating tools to use during the build, please check them in on one of these days at the school.

October 10 through 14, 2007: Construction of the new River Heights Community Playground

October 14, 2007: Grand opening celebration of the River Heights Community Playground

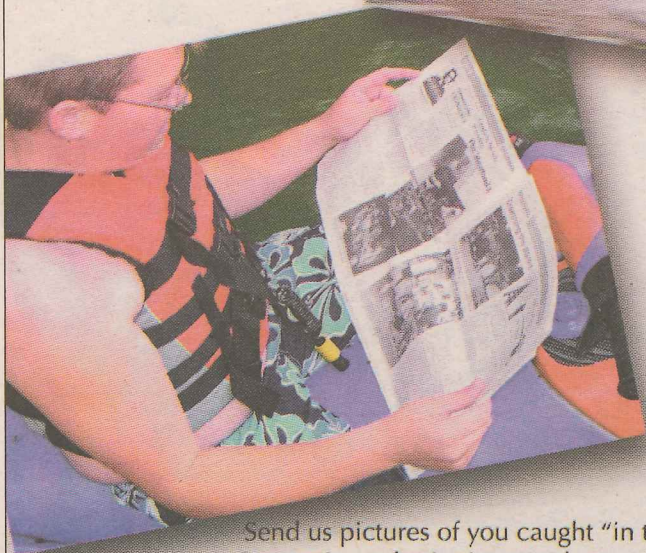
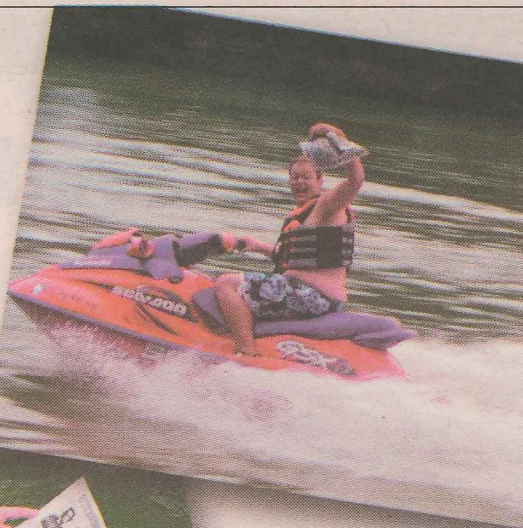
the playground website redcedar2.uwstout.edu/rh/.

Volunteers are still needed for several areas. Construction volunteers will be assigned to a group of three to five people based on skill level which depends upon comfort level with sawing, sanding and nailing. Food preparation and childcare volunteers are also still needed. Childcare is available all day, but children must come with a lunch and snack. All volunteers will be given a meal during their shift with the food being donated by various groups.

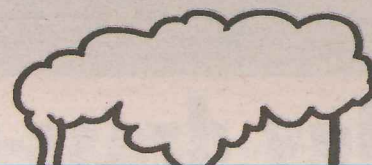
Donations and volunteers are still needed. If you wish to become involved in the River Heights Community Playground Project, people are encouraged to contact either Terry Mason at Terry.Mason@hotmail.com, 715-308-4216 or John Grape at 715-233-0825.

**Caught in the act...
of reading
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Kyle was caught reading The Stoutonia while riding his jet ski on Lake Menomin. Kyle will get a crappy cd from the Stoutonia junk box.



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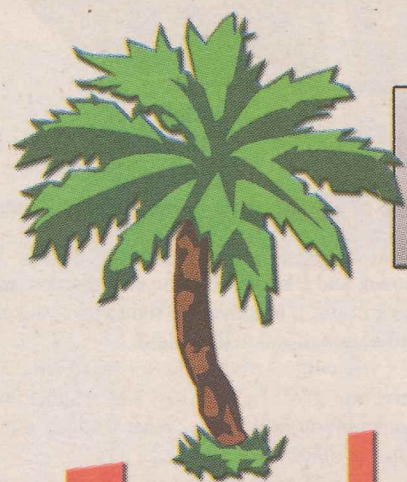
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When men play dress-up and women build forts

Brittany Bean
Staff Writer

Remember in junior high when Johnny signed up for home economics so he could be in a class full of girls? Or how about flirty Suzy who was so daring that she took shop so she could "build stuff?"

Children could get away with it, but can adults?

And what if grown-up Johnny isn't signing up for home economics so he can be with all the women; what if he just really enjoys sewing? And if Suzy could care less about getting a date but just wants to build something, does that make her manly?

The idea in middle-school that all the girls should learn to sew jumpers and bake pies, while the boys fixed motors and built soda-bottle lamps has continued into adulthood. At University of Wisconsin-Stout, a brave group of 23 students has decided to break the unspoken rules surrounding certain career choices and go into a field that they have a passion for—even if society tells them they shouldn't.

Adam Schofield is a super-senior in the apparel design and development program. He said he picked his major during his junior year of high school when he took a sewing class and discovered how much he enjoyed it. Schofield was the only male in that class and not much has changed now that he is in college.

Gindy Neidermyer, director of the apparel design and development program, said she has taught 12 of the 19 courses offered in Apparel, and the most men she's had in a single class is two. That isn't surprising considering the fact that out of 243 Apparel Design majors, only 11 are males.

A significant reason for the small number of males in the major is that people tend to stereotype men who enjoy apparel design, Neidermyer said.

"When males come to talk to me about the program, they do worry about how they will be viewed by people across campus," Neidermyer said. "And I tell them, if you have the self-confidence not to worry about what people will think, then do it."

Senior Terra Turner has applied that mindset to her experiences at UW-Stout in the construction major. Turner, like Schofield, declared her major before coming to college and has never looked back. Although she is usually the only female in her classes, Turner said, "The guys have never made me feel like I should feel out of place."

And according to the director of the Construction program, Ph.D. Joseph Wright, Turner not only fits in, she excels.

"She's so good, she's scary," Wright

said. He has similar feelings about the other women in the major.

"They're very focused on what they want to achieve. They set high standards and achieve them," Wright said. "You don't just drift into construction."

Julie Mathis, another senior in the construction program, admits that it is hard work and, "you have to prove yourself a lot more than the males do." Mathis also finds that older men in the construction field can be apprehensive about females.

"You can always tell the ones that have worked with women and which ones haven't," Mathis said, "The ones that haven't, tend to ignore you."

Being ignored isn't always the problem, though.

"You do get hit on a lot," Turner said. "You definitely get more looks than the guy next to you. You kind of have to blow it off; men will be men."

Even though being a woman in the construction field in the United States draws more attention to a person, Wright

explained that it's different in other parts of the world.

Wright, who moved to UW-Stout from an equivalent position at the Coventry University in the United Kingdom, said that it's more common for women to be in a construction program there.

"It's a cultural thing—in the United States it's regarded as a man's profession. In the UK, the population is much more ethnically diverse, and that is reflected in the students," Wright said.

The program Wright directed overseas was approximately 10 percent female, whereas here—with 12 women out of 506 construction majors—it's just over two percent.

"I have to express a personal sadness in the lack of females in the group...Not that I want to get rid of the guys—I just want to get more of the others!" Wright said.

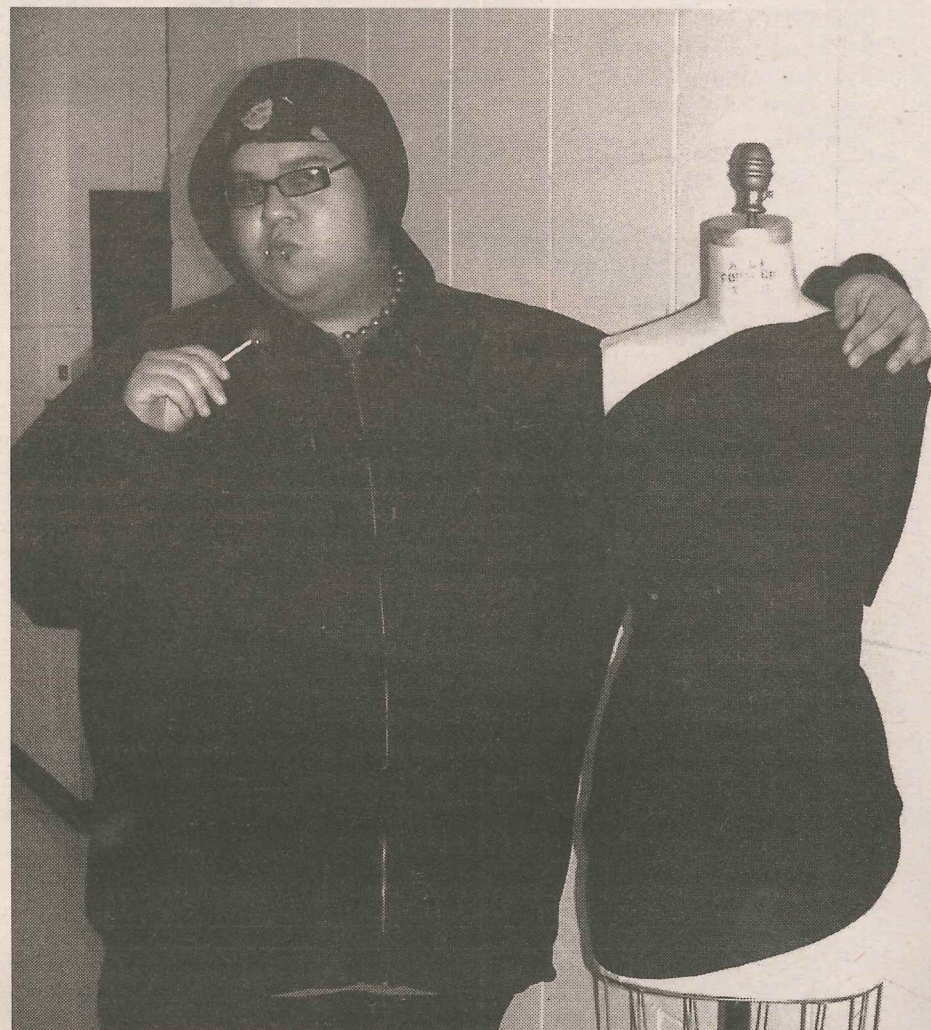
Neidermyer agrees with Wright's desire to have a more diverse group of students in her program; however, she believes that in this region of the country, her's will continue to be a female dominated major.

One main factor for that is the ever-controversial issue of a man's sexuality if he's in the apparel industry.

"People care about perceptions here in the Midwest. For some reason, sexual persuasion is associated with careers," Neidermyer said. "It shouldn't be, though," Neidermyer said.

"If you go back to the history of the apparel industry, men started it, and those men were not gay."

Neidermyer believes this trend became dominant when fashion became popularized in the media, and most of the high



Brittany Bean/Stoutonia

Adam Schofield is one of only 11 males in a group of 243 students in the Apparel Design and Development program.

profile male designers did seem to be gay.

Michael Arthurs, a graduate of the AD&D program, agrees with Neidermyer and said shows like Project Runway—which featured seven gay male designers in the eight last seasons—contribute to people's false beliefs of fashion-focused men.

Schofield and Arthurs have both come to the conclusion that if they're going to succeed in the apparel industry, they can't worry what people think of them.

"They look, assume and wait to find out," Schofield said, "I don't really care, so it doesn't bother me."

Arthurs, who was the winning designer of Best in Show at last year's Silhouettes Fashion Show, thinks more men should be in the apparel program but are too afraid. The uneven ratio of men to women in class didn't bother Arthurs, though.

"It pushed me more. It made me more driven," Arthurs said. "I initially felt that I had to prove myself."

Arthurs always wanted to work in fashion but didn't realize he could until his junior year of high school.

"My parents always pushed me to do architecture, and that's what brought me into clothing. You look at a garment and break it

down, and it's all about the construction and how to put it together the right way...the architecture of it," Arthurs said.

So while Arthurs and Schofield are constructing clothing, Turner and Mathis are constructing buildings. What do they think of each other?

In reference to men in apparel, Turner commented, "I think it's awesome. If that's what you want to do with your life, no one should tell you can't just because you were born female or male."

Schofield has a similar viewpoint of women in construction, "I think if anyone can pull their weight, they can do whatever they want. I think it's pretty cool."

If everyone shared Schofield's and Turner's acceptance of going against the gender grain, maybe we'd see more students excelling in programs they were previously afraid to enter. Until then, Johnny will have to settle for sewing amidst a sea of women, while Suzy builds with her bare hands next to the men.

And maybe someday, Wright and Neidermyer's hopes of diverse classroom content will be realized when more men are ready to make their dress-up dreams a reality, and more women are prepared to leave their forts behind for fieldwork.

Woman left in CT scanner for hours

TUCSON, Ariz. — A cancer patient says she was left alone in a CT scanner for hours after a technician apparently forgot about her, and she finally crawled out of the device, only to find herself locked in the closed clinic.

Elvira Tellez of Tucson said she called her son in a panic, and he told her to call 911.

Pima County sheriff's deputies arriving at the oncology office had her unlock the office door to let them in, said Deputy Dawn Hanke, a department spokeswoman. The deputies contacted the office manager, who was not aware of the situation.

Tellez was taken to a hospital as a precaution, then released early the next day.

Tellez said she's had trouble sleeping since last week's incident. She and her family said they want an explanation from the medical office, Arizona Oncology Associates, but have yet to receive one. She said the technician did call to apologize the next day.

"I don't know what to think," Tellez said in Spanish. "I think and think and think, but I can't understand it."

The executive director of Arizona Oncology Associates, Sonya Holm, was in a meeting today and not immediately available for comment, her assistant said. The assistant said no one else at the statewide medical

practice was authorized to comment.

Diagnosed with bone cancer, the 67-year-old Tellez had been sent to the clinic for tests to see if her cancer had spread.

A technician placed her inside the large machine at about 4 p.m. on Sept. 19, dimmed the lights so she could relax and told her not to move during the 25-minute procedure.

"At some point, my mom lost track of time and felt like too much time had passed, but she couldn't look at a clock or anything because it was dark," her son Ariel Tellez said.

After calling out, then screaming for help, she said, she spent several hours trying to free herself from the machine. Finally, she wiggled out from under a heavy blanket and out of the machine. By the time deputies found her, it had been five hours since she was placed inside.

A physician who works at the practice and knew of the incident told The Arizona Daily Star it's not the first time such a thing has happened.

"People have been left in the office after hours. When something like that happens — it's the same sort of thing," Dr. Steven Ketchel said. "My guess is she was lying on the table, waiting and waiting and nobody told her she could go home."

-Associated Press

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**zombie socrates**

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back from the dead and
in Menomonie for the
time being, so I thought I
could do my part for society

by giving advice to you young whippersnappers and answer any questions you might have about the meaning of life, truth, justice, girlfriend/boyfriend squabbles or anything in between. The shop is open, so ask away!

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Do ghosts exist? And if so, where does one go about finding one?
-Curious Citizen

Dear curious citizen:

Ghosts exist in a variety of forms and they live in a variety of places. For some people, ghosts are very easy to find. I'm sure in your hometown there is a "haunted house." I want you to go into this haunted house, stand in

the very center of it and stay there for about an hour. You see, when most people go into a haunted house, they leave right away. You have to stay there for a little bit and then the ghosts will get friendly...or not so friendly. But you asked, and I told.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
What can you tell me about Alaska?
-Traveler

Dear traveler:

What kind of question is this? Who thinks these questions up? Alaska is a place where the beer flows like water, people are friendly and where the elusive "Egg Man" is said to exist.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
How do I create a time machine?
-Very smart scientist

Dear scientist:

Creating a time machine is very hard to do and requires a lot of work from the user. First, get the right parts. Refer to How to Build a Time Machine. It is a wonderful

book and will answer most of your questions. Second, practice makes perfect. You have to baby the time machine like you would baby anything else you love. Let it sleep in your bed, sit on your couch, etc. When the time comes, it will simply take you right back to where you want to go.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
I have a friend who goes to University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and their mascot is the Blugold. I was wondering what a Blugold is.
-University of Wisconsin-Stout student

Dear student:

You're not the first person to ask me this question and you certainly won't be the last. The legend of the Blugold has been passed down from generation to generation. Apparently, a long time ago when the world was young, there was an explorer who spent his life looking for strange phenomena. One day he was walking in the Wisconsin area and he was attacked by seven cave trolls. He was blindsided and had no chance of escape. When all hope seemed lost, he was saved by a creature for which there was no name. This creature stunned the trolls with an awesome

fire magic spell and thus freed the explorer from harm. The creature ran away into the woods immediately after. The explorer named this creature the Blugold, but he never told anyone why. The only thing he did say was that mere words could not describe the elusive creature. Over the years strange occurrences have happened in the woods of Eau Claire. Were these the work of the Blugold? Or were they the work of a sick, crazed individual with a fetish for sick pranks? We may never know.

Dear Zombie Socrates,
Do you ever get a calling for fresh human meat?
-Nervous Citizen

Dear nervous citizen:
Um... Funny story here... I uh... well... let's just say that I'm a vegetarian. It's better that way...

Correction:

The Wisconsin Patriot Riders was incorrectly identified in the last issue.

You always have a choice... Voting for our future

Kit Williams
Staff Writer

For a long time we have known that when a person votes, they are voting for what they agree with, whether it is for Prom Queen or the president of Inter-Residents Hall Association. However, did we ever take into consideration that that we also need to be voting for our future? That who we vote for will be shaping, and possibly making, our lives. Now, I'm not a political fanatic by any means. In fact, I tend to pay little attention to politics most of the time, but when it comes to my future I like to know it's secure. We have had some pretty bad presidents in our past, along with some good ones. Take for example Franklin Roosevelt- the people knew we needed someone competent and innovative enough to dig our country out of the depression. So when they went to the polls they were very conscious and careful for whom they were voting for. We need to do the same. As college students, we are one of the largest and thus the most powerful populations of voters. However, most of us have ignored the political debates and common issues- or at least have taken little notice of them. So when we, as good citizens, go to the polls, we don't really know what each of these candidates stand for, except for the top two. And most of the time we are just voting on hearsay or media influences. In doing so, one of the largest voting populations is blindly voting. We don't consider that when we vote, we are choosing how our future will be shaped.

There is the saying, "you always have a choice", and we do- we just aren't conscious of it yet. We have the power to change and possibly manipulate our future by voting for the politicians that support what matters to us most. True, sometimes they don't always hold true to their word, but we need to take a stance nonetheless. We need to stop living in the now, and look toward the future: do you want equal health care for all, lower or higher taxes, affordable tuition, social security, women's rights or education for all? Are you willing to let someone else decide your future, in hopes that it is the one that you want- or are you going to take control of it, and go the polls to make that decision yourself? We, as college students, make up the majority of voters, and politicians know that. However, they also know we aren't as likely to vote, so they tend to ignore our population. We need to surprise these politicians by making a stand for ourselves and voting for those who support our best interests for our future; whether it is lower tuition because you will be going onto graduate school or are freshmen starting college. Or possibly you are for women's rights, and would like to see women have more control over their bodies. Whatever it is you are passionate about or would like to see changed in the future, you need to take action now, because time is running out and we are not using it correctly. By taking advantage of the power we wield as part of the large population of college students, we can change, manipulate and mold our future- but only if we take the initiative and actions to do so. So what are you going to do?

It's better to be dead and cool than alive and un-cool

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The smoking ban, banning smoking in buildings (including adult bookstores) open to the public went into effect in Minnesota Oct. 1, 2007. This ban is a violation of our rights as U.S. citizens. It is our right, as Americans to look cool. Smoking looks cool. Therefore, by deductive logic, smoking is our right.

There are many benefits to smoking: looking cool, dissing someone by blowing smoke in his/her face, blowing smoke rings, living hard and dying young, curing diseases (this will be explained in detail later), getting to know fellow smokers, extra breaks at work, keeping the economy functioning (also explained later), keeping community service workers busy picking up butts, torture device, means of defense, beacon in the dark night, keeping pockets employed, forcing people to cough which keeps abs in shape and many others.

When we say that smoking helps the economy, we mean it keeps manufacturers in business, the lung cancer, throat cancer and mouth cancer portions of hospitals operating, the tobacco farmers, truck drivers who haul them (without truck drivers, how do the oil companies, tire companies, et cetera make any money?), the Marlboro man, the camel with the leather jacket, the street sweepers, the air purifying companies, the ashtray companies, the cigarette lighter companies and the millions of others who benefit from this

great addiction.

As for smoking curing diseases, cigarettes have many medicinal purposes. It prevents Alzheimer's, arthritis (in some cases), osteoporosis (in some cases), helps prevent cirrhosis of the liver (because it's hard to drink with a cigarette in a person's mouth) and most significantly and importantly, natural causes. Who wants to die from nothing? Everyone wants an explanation to every problem. Therefore, dying of lung cancer provides this explanation and prevents other diseases by killing a person from lung cancer before he/she can get them.

According to the movie, "Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man," "It's better to be dead and cool than alive and uncool." There is nothing more traumatic than being uncool and cigarettes cure people from this horrible uncoolness that they may endure. Hollywood does not lie.

In America, we have the right to be cool. Not Jamie Kennedy cool, but Fonzie cool. And who's to restrict the places that we can be cool at? The government has gone too far this time. When people smoke, they are doing it to make a statement. The First Amendment guarantees our right to make a statement or something like that. If we violate the laws according to the constitution, what's next? Killing babies before they're even born? And so, the right to smoke is a right even non-smokers should uphold. If smokers are withheld their rights, eventually everyone's rights will be violated like the way the clock tower violates the silence that should be maintained (subject for another article).

Are we ready for Iraq infused movies? I'm not.

Katie Kenner

Opinion Editor

As a frequent movie goer, I see lots of previews. A month or so ago I saw a preview for "The Kingdom". "The Kingdom" stars Jamie Foxx, Chris Cooper and Jennifer Garner and follows U.S. special agents investigating the bombing of a building in Saudi Arabia. When this preview flashed before my eyes, my only thought was, "oh great here come the Iraq war/Middle East conflict movies". To think, I thought we would be done with them after "United 93" and "World Trade Center". Apparently not. I figured, "alright one movie is ok, I just won't go to see it despite my love for action and gun fire."

It doesn't stop with "The Kingdom." When reviewing this fall and winter's coming features, I saw at least six films with the Iraq war and Middle East conflict themes. Are we really ready for this, I wondered?

"In the Valley of Elah" was released on Sept. 14 featuring Tommy Lee Jones, Susan Sarandon and Charlize Theron. This film follows an American war veteran who enlists the help of a private detective to search for his son, a soldier who disappeared after a recent stay in Iraq. Basically Tommy Lee Jones decides to take the investigation into his own hands, uncovering what I predict will be an Army scandal. Seems similar to some other war movies doesn't it? Although many of the critics in favor of the movie remind us that it is based on a true story.

"Redacted" with Kel O'Neill and Daniel Stewart Sherman, two actors I have never heard of will hit theaters later of this year. The story involves a montage of soldiers' stories but also involves a U.S. Army squad that rapes a teenage Iraqi girl and kills her entire family to cover it up. Oh that sounds like fun. (Sense my sarcasm there.)

"Grace is Gone" has John Cusack, which is the only name I recognize in the list of actors. A winner of two Sundance film awards, this film brings us a story of a widowed man who cannot seem to break it to his two daughters that their mom is dead. It seems that the war may be minimal in its appearance, only briefly being talked about in the beginning as to the effects on the family and then the subsequent death of the wife and mother. I must admit the trailer for this looked good and I do respect Cusack as an actor. All three of those films closely follow the Iraq war and/or their effects upon us.

Then comes the more broadly Iraq linked movies that focus more heavily on the Middle East conflict. Jake Gyllenhaal, Peter Sarsgaard, and Reese Witherspoon star in "Rendition". This story, although not directly involved with the Iraq war, deals with an Egyptian-born chemical engineer who disappears on a flight from South Africa to Washington. His wife tracks him down, finding out he is in a prison outside the U.S. for people who are suspected terrorists under an authorized U.S. government program called Rendition. In another part of the story a CIA man questions his assignment that involves an unorthodox way of interrogating a man. This movie has a full cast of decent actors including Alan Arkin and Meryl Streep. "Rendition" movie may be worth my time if they can keep the politics directly relating to the United States at minimum.

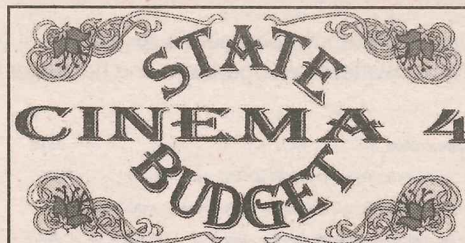
Tom Cruise as a senator in a political filled movie? Great just what I always wanted. I just can't take that guy seriously anymore. I wonder how his recent status among people will affect the box office for "Lions for Lambs." Meryl Streep and Robert Redford also star in this movie which means you will get some seriously good acting. Redford directs this film and it looks to be a very promising film with some actual depth to it.

It is a shame Cruise had to be in it. The film follows two university students, a senator, journalist as well as a professor. The round and short of this one is about two students who end up fighting in Afghanistan after inspiration from their idealistic professor and a senator who is about to make a decision that could change the fate of those two students.

One thing that I did not think about until pointed out to me was the fact that the cinema is very quick to the draw in producing these movies while movies that dealt with the Vietnam war took four years after the war

had ended to hit theaters and slowly tricked through the years after that. I wonder what the rush is and how filmmakers came about to their conclusion that we were ready for these types of movies.

My main reason for staying away from these movies is the fact I am so sick of hearing about the war and everyone's opinion about it. Another thing I have pondered is perhaps it seems a little cold to be reaping benefits, i.e. money from the Iraq war where people are still dying and the conflict has yet to be resolved. Just shut up about it already!



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What happened at Columbia was monumental and I think it was a first step that needed to be taken to break down the barrier between the United States and the Middle East. I never once heard a word of hate or terroristic propaganda that everyone demonizes Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with. I feel that he is worthy of our listening ear and subject to our questioning of his policies. His state has every right to exercise its sovereignty and we need to work with him to create peace, yet let him handle his own national affairs himself. If he violates any human rights acts set forth by the United Nations, if Iran ever takes part in the United Nations then they should be held accountable. There is no force that legalizes the actions of world actors; there is no world government, or world police. We have no control over what other countries do in their country, which is the idea of sovereignty.

Now you talk about nuclear proliferation, I support it. Nuclear power is the answer to many of our problems we face with clean sustainable power, it does work and I think we need to embrace the use of safe nuclear proliferation.

Those who bash Mahmoud Ahmadinejad need to wake up and face the fact, he is human, he has a right to free speech and we need to listen. If we show respect to others with different points of view then we open the doors to future relations with them. The only way we will ever solve our problems is if we listen and work things out peacefully. We will never control the world, and to think we can take it by force is a falsity and those who support that are going to do more damage to our country than good. Today was a great first step and I wish to God that we will have another chance to work face to face with leaders of state like Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who we wrongly consider terrorists, and see what resolutions we can come to avoid outright war. I hope all people can become a little more accepting to listening to others, and maybe even open to changing some of our own international policies.

Support the spread of peaceful discussions with those like Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, it is the only way to work through our differences.

Chris Zeck

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1	1	620 9th Avenue	\$240	\$240	n/a	n/a	Nice sized efficiency, close to campus, includes utilities	3	2	1	921 Main Street #4	\$360	\$180	\$500	\$250	huge rooms, lots of parking, porch, good location	4
1	1	119 West Main Street #1	\$285	\$285	\$360	\$360	Large efficiency, close to campus and downtown	3	2	1	115 West Main Street	\$370	\$185	\$490	\$245	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	\$290	\$290	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG, HW, storage, close to campus, great view	6	2	1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$375	\$188	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, gas heat, off-street parking	D
1	1	702 4th Street	\$295	\$295	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	6	2	1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	\$495	\$248	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice sized rooms, parking	D
1	1	802 6th Avenue #1	\$315	\$315	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	2	1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$400	\$200	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good sized rooms, new paint, parking	D
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1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A	2	1	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8	2	1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$345	\$345	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8	2	1	2121 5th Street #D	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$350	\$350	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6	2	1	421 13th Avenue West	\$425	\$213	\$545	\$273	Nice apartment w/ hardwood floors, parking, lawn care incl.	D
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6	2	1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$430	\$215	\$540	\$270	Large apt, hardwood floors, parking, lawn care included	D
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6	2	1	619 13th Avenue	\$450	\$225	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	\$365	\$365	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & parking, great location	A	2	1	1221 1/2 7th Street	\$460	\$230	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt, porch, WSG, heat, HW & parking included	4
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8	2	1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	\$460	\$230	n/a	n/a	Nice sized rooms, great location, WSG, heat & HW included	4
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities & parking, private entrance	8	2	1	1502 10th Street	\$500	\$250	\$650	\$325	Cute house, new carpet, den, W/D hook-ups, garage	H
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6	2	1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	\$500	\$250	\$660	\$330	Large, nice rooms, very close to campus, great apartment	3
1	1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	n/a	n/a	Large, upper duplex with den & parking, great location	D	2	1	802 6th Avenue #5	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Great apartment, huge rooms, includes utilities & parking	6
1	1	1221 7th Street	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Very large & nice, hardwood floors, incl. WSG, heat, parking	4	2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6
1	1	1520 1/2 7th Street	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D	2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW, incl.	6
1	1	1520 7th Street	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D	2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #2	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Ground level apt, large rooms, parking, heat, WSG & incl.	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Efficiency apartment, includes WSG & heat, great location	A	2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #5	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Nice, good sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8	2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #6	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Great apt, new shower, parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A	2	1	147 1/2 Main Street #C	\$620	\$310	n/a	n/a	Large, very nice, new carpet, W/D in bldg, utilities included	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes WSG & parking, very close to campus	A	3	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$480	\$160	\$565	\$188	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes parking, WSG & heat	A	3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street	\$545	\$182	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$415	\$415	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8	3	1	119 West Main Street #3	\$550	\$183	\$700	\$233	Nice apt, good sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #1	\$425	\$425	n/a	n/a	Great location w/ parking, includes WSG & heat	A	3	1	1311 South Broadway	\$555	\$185	\$705	\$235	Nice house, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #1	\$425	\$425	n/a	n/a	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A	3	1	414 12th Avenue West	\$590	\$197	\$780	\$260	Very nice apt, hard wood floors, garage, lawn care included	D
1	1	333 1/2 Main Street #2	\$425	\$425	n/a	n/a	Large, desirable downtown apt, includes WSG & heat	A	3	1	2215 5th Street	\$595	\$198	n/a	n/a	Nice upper duplex, good sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	\$435	\$435	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt w/ parking, WSG & heat incl., close to campus	A	3	1	1312 6th Street	\$600	\$200	n/a	n/a	Nice house, porch, big back yard, parking, close to campus	H
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$445	\$445	n/a	n/a	Nice apt w/ private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	6	3	1	1415 1/2 4th Street West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	Nice apartment, new flooring, washer/dryer, garage	D
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #4	\$445	\$445	n/a	n/a	Nice, good sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6	3	1	208 13th Avenue West.	\$600	\$200	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, gas heat, parking	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #7	\$475	\$475	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt, includes utilities & parking, private entrance	8	3	1	1503 7th Street	\$600	\$200	\$800	\$267	Nice, lower duplex, hardwood floors, new siding, parking	D

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3 1	921 Main Street #3	\$600	\$200	\$765	\$255	Large apartment, nice sized rooms, parking, good location	4	5 2	1115 17th Avenue	\$800	\$160	\$1,010	\$202	Great house, complete remodel, large rooms, washer/dryer	H
3 1	814 1/2 10th Street	\$610	\$203	\$750	\$250	Upper duplex, recently remodeled, large rooms, nice place	D	5 1	1320 6th Street	\$825	\$165	\$1,045	\$209	Spacious house, W/D, breezeway, garage, close to campus	H
3 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$220	\$880	\$293	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H	5 2	405 20th Avenue	\$900	\$180	\$1,080	\$216	Nice, modern house, washer/dryer, attached garage	H
3 1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$695	\$232	n/a	n/a	Nice, 2-story apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A	5 2	1521 8th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,145	\$229	Nice sized rooms, new paint, W/D, big yard, good location	H
3 1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$850	\$283	n/a	n/a	Nice rooms & closets, utilities included, laundry in building	A	5 2	1403 6th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,180	\$236	Huge rooms, front porch, lots of parking, close to campus	H
4 1	1606 10th Street	\$550	\$138	\$720	\$180	New siding, washer/dryer, off-street parking	H	5 2	2303 3rd Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,100	\$220	Big house, washer/dryer, fenced yard, garage	H
4 1	1115 14th Avenue	\$600	\$150	\$780	\$195	Large rooms, washer/dryer, screened-in porch, garage	H	5 2	814 10th Street	\$910	\$182	\$1,090	\$218	Nice house! Recently remodeled, W/D, many upgrades	D
4 1	915 Main Street	\$600	\$150	\$800	\$200	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D	5 2	607 13th Avenue East	\$950	\$190	\$1,150	\$230	Great location, nice house, new paint, W/D, parking	H
4 1	1120 15th Avenue	\$620	\$155	\$770	\$193	Good sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D	5 2	2006 5th Street #A	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	Nice, large house, good sized rooms, W/D off-street parking	3
4 1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	\$820	\$205	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H	5 2	2006 5th Street #B	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
4 1	309 14th Avenue West	\$700	\$175	\$900	\$225	Washer/dryer, extra room for storage, parking, good location	H	5 2	2006 5th Street #C	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
4 1	921 Main Street #1	\$740	\$185	\$910	\$228	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4	5 1.5	1115 6th Street	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,180	\$236	Very desirable, washer/dryer, very close to campus	H
4 2	516 19th Avenue W	\$750	\$188	\$1,000	\$250	Large, split-level, 2 living rooms, washer/dryer, parking+182	D	5 2	1803 7th Street	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,280	\$256	Large house, good location, parking, W/D, 2 huge bedrooms	D
4 1	1509 South Broadway	\$750	\$188	n/a	n/a	Large house, nice inside, big rooms, great location, parking	H	5 2.5	1502 7th Street	\$1,050	\$210	\$1,275	\$255	Recently remodeled, washer/dryer, porch, large yard	H
4 1	1215 10th Street	\$780	\$195	\$900	\$225	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H	5 1.5	1107 2nd Street West	\$1,125	\$225	\$1,325	\$265	Nice sized rooms, good layout, excellent location, W/D	H
4 1	1216 6th Street	\$820	\$205	\$1,000	\$250	Good sized rooms, front porch, parking, across from campus	H	5 2.5	902 Main Street	\$1,125	\$225	\$1,350	\$270	Awesome house! Great location, huge rooms, garage & more	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	5 2	203 13th Avenue West	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,370	\$274	Big house, 2 kitchens, washer/dryer, excellent location	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #2	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	5 2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,375	\$275	Large house, some extras, W/D, parking, excellent location	D
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	5 2	1208 9th Street	\$1,175	\$235	\$1,425	\$285	Beautiful house, recently remodeled, W/D, dishwasher	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	5 2	321 14th Avenue West	\$1,250	\$250	\$1,475	\$295	Great house, nice rooms, W/D, parking, close to campus	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	5 2	1008 6th Street	\$1,275	\$255	\$1,535	\$307	Fabulous house, large rooms, W/D, garage, close to campus	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	5 2	1708 6th Street #B	\$1,325	\$265	\$1,525	\$305	Fabulous apartment, W/D, big rooms, parking, has everything!	D
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	5 2	1708 6th Street #A	\$1,325	\$265	\$1,525	\$305	Fabulous apartment, W/D, big rooms, parking, has everything!	D
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	6 2	1402 8th Street	\$600	\$100	\$800	\$133	Corner lot, washer/dryer, off-street parking, full basement	H
4 2	1319 8th Street	\$825	\$206	\$1,025	\$256	Nice, good sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H	6 2	504 10th Street	\$900	\$150	\$1,180	\$197	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
4 1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice sized rooms, washer/dryer	H	6 2	1603 7th Street	\$1,000	\$167	n/a	n/a	Great house, gas fireplace, washer/dryer, corner lot	H
4 2	1620 6th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	Great house, nice sized rooms, washer/dryer, garage	H	6 2	415 13th Avenue West	\$1,050	\$175	\$1,300	\$217	Modern house, large bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
4 2	1415 8th Street East	\$860	\$215	\$1,110	\$278	Nice house, recently upgraded, W/D, lots of parking	D	6 2	1602 8th Street	\$1,100	\$183	\$1,300	\$217	Nice house, good location, nice rooms, washer/dryer	H
4 2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,195	\$299	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D	6 2	1415 1/2 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,480	\$247	Fabulous apt, W/D, large, nice rooms, lots of parking & more	D
4 1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	Large apt, good sized rooms, W/D, parking, great location	D	6 2	321 20th Avenue #A	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D parking, storage	4
4 1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D	6 2	321 20th Avenue #B	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D parking, storage	4
4 2	1702 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,100	\$275	Spacious house, huge rooms, den, W/D, off-street parking	H	6 2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D parking, storage	4
4 1	2235 South Broadway	\$920	\$230	\$1,120	\$280	Great house, good sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H	6 2	321 20th Avenue #D	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D parking, storage	4
4 1	1114 7th Street	\$950	\$238	\$1,150	\$288	Nice house, front porch, garage, washer/dryer, nice yard	H	6 2	602 1/2 12th Avenue	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,460	\$243	Huge, newer addition, very nice, W/D, off-street parking	D
4 2	1301 9th Street	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Beautiful house, remodeled, W/D, garage, porch & deck	H	6 2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,450	\$242	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
4 2	602 12th Avenue East	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Large bedrooms, washer/dryer, close to campus, parking	D	6 2	1714 8th Street	\$1,230	\$205	\$1,480	\$247	Spacious house, new paint, big deck, garage, pool table	H
4 1.5	1615 7th St	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Nice house, great location, deck, washer/dryer, garage	H	6 2	921 8th Street	\$1,350	\$225	\$1,630	\$272	Great house, large rooms, W/D, new kitchen floor, corner lot	H
4 2	400 18th Avenue	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Cute house, nice deck, big corner lot, washer/dryer, garages	H	6 2.5	802 12th Avenue	\$1,375	\$229	\$1,630	\$272	Very nice house, remodeled, W/D, rec. room, garage & more	H
4 2	1317 8th Street	\$1,040	\$260	\$1,240	\$310	Great house, den, W/D, carport, deck, good location	H	7 2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,085	\$155	\$1,310	\$187	Big house, 2 living rooms, W/D, parking, excellent location	H
4 2	332 1/2 Main Street	\$1,050	\$263	\$1,250	\$313	Huge! Fantastic apt, washer/dryer, deck, car port/parking	H	7 2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,225	\$175	\$1,485	\$212	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
4 2	1021 8th Street	\$1,100	\$275	\$1,300	\$325	Great house, nice rooms, W/D, screened porch, big deck	H	7 2	820 11th Street	\$1,600	\$229	\$1,900	\$271	Awesome house! Newly remodeled, huge, W/D, basement	H
4 3	147 1/2 Main Street #A	\$1,100	\$275	n/a	n/a	Great apt, huge rooms, W/D in building, utilities included	A	7 3	1102 10th Street	\$1,600	\$229	\$1,870	\$267	Nice, big house, good sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H
5 1	1120 1/2 15th Avenue	\$660	\$132	\$840	\$168	Very large rooms, washer/dryer, nice yard, parking	D	7 3	819 7th Street	\$1,610	\$230	\$1,835	\$262	Fabulous house, washer/dryer, big corner lot, 2-car garage	H
5 1.5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, lots of parking	H	8 3	1421 South Broadway	\$1,840	\$230	\$2,100	\$263	Great house! Big rooms, W/D, across from stadium, garage	H
5 2	512 19th Avenue West	\$750	\$150	\$1,000	\$200	Large, split-level, 2 living rooms, off-street parking, storage	D	10 3	1609 6th Street	\$1,600	\$160	\$1,900	\$190	Recently remodeled, 2 living rooms, good location, parking	H

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Events

Oct 4, '07:

- Death to Our Enemies with Superhopper @ The Underground, MSC 8pm FREE
- Pert Near Sandstone w/ Hobo Nephews of Uncle Frank @ The Waterfront 9pm FREE

Oct 5, '07:

- Grindhouse @ Applied Arts 210 7pm

Oct 6, '07:

- God Johnson @ The Waterfront 9pm FREE

Oct 11, '07:

- Unknown Prophets @ The Underground, MSC 8pm FREE

CD Releases

Oct 9, '07 (Tuesday):

- "Blackbird" Alter Bridge
- "Rock and Roll Jesus" Kid Rock
- The Flying Cup Club" Beirut

Oct 10, '07 (Wednesday):

- "In Rainbows" Radiohead

Oct 16, '07:

- "Avenged Sevenfold" Avenged Sevenfold
- "Chrome Dreams II" Neil Young

DVD Releases

Oct 9, '07:

- 28 Weeks Later (R)
- Reign Over Me (R)
- Evan Almighty (PG)

Movie Releases

Oct 5, '07:

- The Heartbreak Kid (R)
- The Good Night (R)

Oct 12, '07:

- Elizabeth: The Golden Age (PG-13)
- Michael Clayton (R)

PONG takes on Halo 3



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

Is the campus being overrun by gargantuan warriors in impenetrable body armor? Or has the Halo 3 craze infested the students of the University of Wisconsin-Stout?

Brian Muller

Staff Writer

The People's Organization for Network Gaming hosted an event to celebrate the recent launch of Halo 3 in the Memorial Student Center On Saturday, Sept. 29. The eight-hour event, which took place in the Crystal Ball Rooms of the Memorial Student Center, brought groups of gamers together for some great multiplayer carnage.

Four large screens were set up in a square for the event, with four projectors each hooked up to a separate Xbox 360. At most, there were four players for each screen. Divided into four sections, each player was given a high definition, big screen-sized view of the battlefield. Each console was then connected to the same game, resulting in game matches of up to 16 players.

Halo 3's large number of game modifications allowed players to take advantage of many unique game modes. While students still played Halo's standard "Team Slayer," there was also "Oddball," "Capture the Flag," "King of the Hill," and the new "Infection" game mode. Infection starts out a small number of players as "zombies" that are only able to wield swords. They are outnumbered, by every kill they make turns that person into a zombie as well. The game is scored for every person you turn into a zombie, or how many zombies you kill.

Further from these modes, variants were added mix up the action even more. "Rocketball," a variant on "Oddball," had everyone

wielding rockets while trying to capture and hold onto the ball as long as possible. There were enough differences to make every match something new and different.

While Halo 3 was the main attraction of the event, there were other options for people. On the other side of the room was a table with a few people playing various PC LAN games. There were also some smaller TVs set up for anyone to bring their own console and play their own games with friends or strangers. But the majority of people stuck with Halo 3.

Jackey Rymsha, a sophomore in early childhood education, thought the event was lots of fun. Rymsha said, "I like how these events bring people together." Letting gamers play games they may not have purchased yet is also something Rymsha likes about the PONG events. Rymsha has been attending PONG events since last year, and is interested in joining the organization.

Riley Schultz, a freshman in multimedia design, agrees with Rymsha. Schultz said this of the event, "The (PONG) event was a lot of fun and pretty well organized." Being able to play on projector screens in high-definition was also something that pleased Schultz. Both Rymsha and Schultz found the game a lot of fun. Schultz thought it was a worthy successor to the previous two games, while Rymsha summed it up as, "freaking awesome."

Those interested in the PONG organization can find out more about them at <http://pong.uwstout.edu>. They have a few events planned in the near future, including a LAN charity event on Thanksgiving, where all proceeds will go to Child's Play.

MTV/Myspace politics Edwards speaks with students

Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

A new era of presidential campaigning has dawned with collaboration between MTV, Myspace.com and candidates for the upcoming presidential election. On Thursday, Sept. 27, MTV aired a television event in which John Edwards stood in front of an audience of college students at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH.

For an hour he answered questions from the live audience who posed questions both in person and via instant messenger on Myspace.com. There were many issues addressed in this dialogue including Hurricane Katrina, the War on Terror, universal healthcare, stem-cell research and of course issues concerning college students directly.

Edwards spoke about his idea, "College For Everybody," in which college students would be given more opportunity for financial help to pay for schooling. If elected, Edwards plans to knock out the intermediary banks that handle student loans. He also plans to raise the capital gains tax rate from 15% to 20%. The money saved and earned by doing so would be put towards financing higher education.

A student also asked about funding for the arts in school, since it is a trend lately to take money away from the arts and apply them to other scholastic areas, such as sports. Edwards supports funding for the arts in school starting early on.

"Those who are talented in the arts should not feel less valuable," said Edwards, "but should be embraced as more valuable than athletes and good students because their art represents our country and lasts longer and means more than any sport or grade."

Edwards believes there are many things to fix about our nation. He rejects Bush's terminology for "the global war on terror," believes that the catastrophe in New Orleans should have been handled much differently, and calls for Americans to band together for patriotic issues besides the war, like reducing carbon emissions.

"We want the rest of the world to say, 'America: that's who we want to be like,'" said Edwards.

More presidential candidates are scheduled to do a Myspace/MTV collaborated dialogue in the future. For schedules on these events, visit www.myspace.com/election2008.

Hormonal Imbalance

Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

The Eau Claire Regional Arts Center will host The Four Bitchin' Babes on Friday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

The show, called Hormonal Imbalance, promises to be a night of comedy as four gifted female singer/songwriters ad-

The Best of Babes, Boys and Botox!

dress the lives of American women in song. The group is comprised of the talents of Sally Fingerett, Debi Smith, Nancy Moran and Deirdre Flint, women who have travelled together for 17 years and have evolved as wives, mothers and women.

The four have taken their experiences in life and created a new comedy show with

four part harmony vocals, one piano, four guitars, a "Rockin' Purple Bass," and have added sharp social commentary, cheerleading pom poms and PMS.

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Open Mic Night



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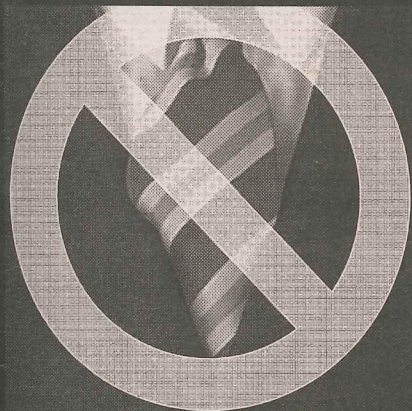
Once a month there is an Open Mic night put on by the Blue Devil's Production crew in the Underground. Each open mic draws a heterogonous variety of musical artists who are students of the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Last Thursday's Open Mic event showcased the talents of local UW-Stout bands and solo artists alike, including, but not limited to: Josh Kay (pictured far upper left), Josiah Ericson (pictured far lower left), the Silver Heart Club (pictured lower right), Alex Brandon Clark, Nevaya, Phil Wendt and Patrick Gantert.

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Peering into the minds of UW-Stout faculty

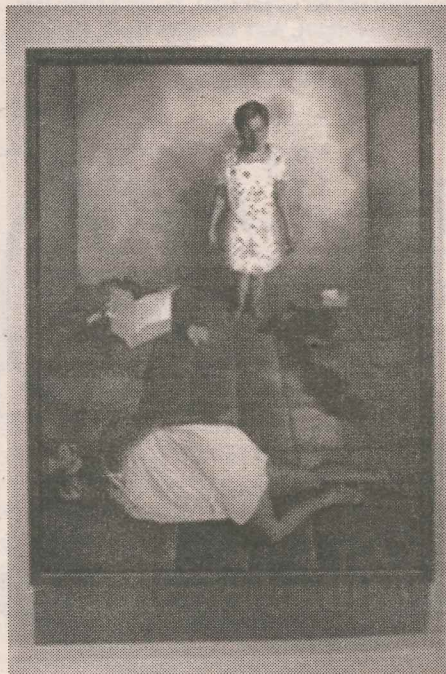
Art professors. They do more than just teach students how to color in the lines.

Elena Griggs
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Sept. 26, all students as well as the general public had the opportunity to find out more information about the artwork produced by art and design professors currently teaching at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. This event, known as the "Artist Talk," took place at the Furlong Gallery.

This was a time in which people could have their questions answered about faculty pieces they most admire or simply find puzzling. For anyone who has an interest in the arts, there is no greater pleasure than uncovering the methods and concepts behind the artwork that they most admire.

The event began early in the afternoon, during a time that made it somewhat difficult for students with a full load of classes to attend. The "Artist Talk" was an informal gathering in which each artist explained their artwork and past and present influences on it.



Elena Griggs/Stoutonia

The art by Craig Cully focuses on personal experiences and each has a strong narrative to tell his story.

Craig Cully - Paintings

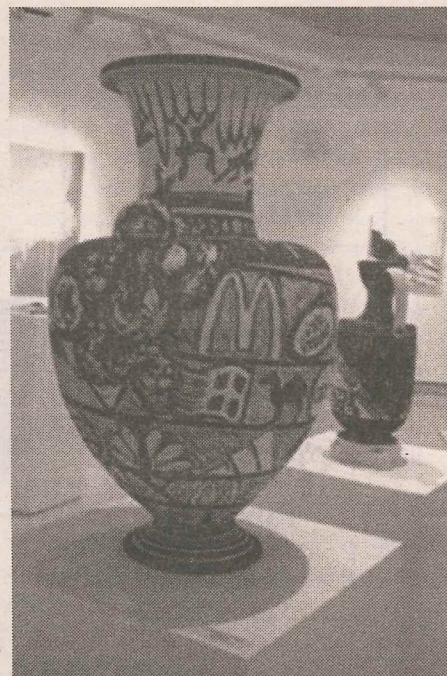
Craig Cully, who is a new art and design faculty member this year, was the first to speak about his artwork. Cully presented a large variety of his paintings from past years through a PowerPoint presentation, describing each one with great energy and enthusiasm.

The majority of Cully's artwork deals with the specific relationships and experiences he has shared with his spouse, family and friends. There is a variety of themes in his artwork: positive and negative aspects of marriage, sexuality, family relationships, depression, hope and freedom. Cully also finds the most inspiration through personal experiences that have been a great impact on his life.

There are two detailed and intriguing oil paintings of Cully's that can be seen at the Furlong Gallery: a large surreal painting titled "The Consummate Victims Son and the Perpetual Provocateurs Husband" and one of a smaller scale titled "Sweet One."

The first painting mentioned showed two emotionally charged figures in a room that is completely empty except for one box. The box's wrapper appears to be torn off with the contents strewn about the room. This solitary object directly reflects the chaotic and unsettling nature of the scene.

At first glance the painting "Sweet One" consists of abstract shapes that resemble fabric with a random highly realistic spoon. However, with a closer look, the colors and shapes that are shown in this piece reveal a pornographic scene, which makes the title more fitting. Much of Cully's artwork, which is a delightful mixture of realism and abstract imagery, has a strong narrative that is highly captivating and thought provoking.



Elena Griggs/Stoutonia

Ryan Hurst's pottery mimics greek, asian and middle eastern design and focuses on political and social issues.

Ryan Hurst - Ceramics

Ryan Hurst, an adjunct faculty member and UW-Stout alumni, gave a slide presentation of his artwork. Hurst spends quite a lot of time around the ceramics room at UW-Stout, since he is teaching a fair amount of ceramics classes here.

Unlike Cully, the majority of artwork produced by Hurst is pottery, with Greek, Asian, or Middle Eastern influence.

Hurst's ceramics pieces in the faculty show are bursting with both politically and socially charged messages that address issues relating to capitalism, consumer culture and the Bush administration. The three ceramics pieces that are currently on display are "Shmuck," "Homogenized Landscape," and "Corporate America."

All of these pieces are porcelain vases that have a form similar to ancient Grecian pottery. The absence of color in these pieces is a deliberate attempt by the artist to further emphasize the point that his pieces are focusing on mass media. Hurst compares these pieces to newspaper and the idea that issues presented in the news are portrayed as being either black or white.

When asked, Hurst will say he finds most of his inspiration from the intricately detailed and stylized forms of Islamic and Chinese art.

More recently, Hurst has begun combining his detailed illustrations about social and political issues into his pottery. He is also known to use an interesting stacking technique, where he stacks one pot on top of the other, creating monumental sculpture like forms.

One piece that isn't on display titled "Give Me all Your Cookies," is extremely comical, featuring Sesame Street's very own cookie monster. This piece reflects the artist's direct response to a news report, which stated that the cookie monster may be seen eating fruits and vegetables in the future because America's children are getting too fat.

Overall, Hurst's artwork touches on a variety of major themes. Hurst also gets motivated to create artwork by listening to punk rock music. Even though this artist and professor may listen to edgy punk rock music, he considers the time that he spends on the wheel to be a calming and meditative experience.

Bill DeHoff - Abstract paintings

Bill DeHoff, a graphic design professor,

who has been teaching here at UW-Stout for many years, described his one abstract oil painting titled "Chaos Comes and Goes."

During his brief talk about this piece, he explained the process and methods that he used to create it. This oil painting is a mixture of highly intense colors and angular geometric forms. In describing his piece, Dehoff laughingly admits that he loves laying bright obnoxious colors onto the canvas.

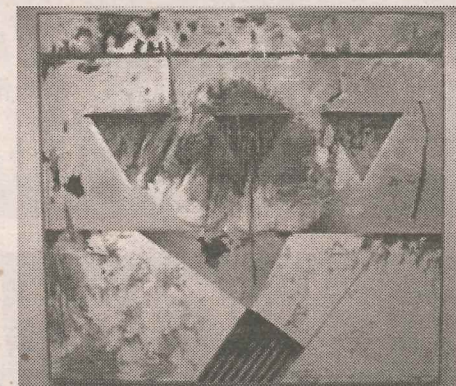
As DeHoff explained his thoughts and feeling about this piece he said, "To most people color is considered a noun but to me color is an adjective."

The colors in this piece are deliberately meant to portray emotions representing tranquility and chaos. It is fair to say that most artists share DeHoff's opinion regarding the idea of seeing colors as a means of representing a variety of feelings and emotions. While viewing his painting, it is apparent that the bright and vibrant colors are intentionally used to capture feelings of frenzied chaos.

In contrast, there are light and pale pastel colors that provide a momentary sense of calm in certain areas. As a whole, there is an interesting interplay between the geometric shapes and colors that represent tranquility and stability, and those that reflect chaos. DeHoff also has a quirky method of creating his artwork where he periodically rotates his paintings around on his easel, approaching the painting at different angles. DeHoff also creates interesting effects in his paintings by combining spray paint with oil paint. It's obvious when viewing this painting that the artist really enjoyed the process of creating it.

Charlie Loom - Installation art

The final artist to speak was Charlie Loom, a painter and installation artist who is currently teaching painting classes here at UW-Stout. Loom spent time discussing the major influences in his life and how it has impacted his work as both an installation artist and painter. Loom's major influences include his spirituality and his passion for soccer.



Elena Griggs/Stoutonia

Bill DeHoff's abstract art is emotional and symbolic, using contrasting colors and shapes to create harmony and disjunction.

Around the world in columns | Jamaican recipes to tantalize the taste buds

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

Although class is only starting on its third full week, already the wish to escape the treachery of college life has already settled in. With this realization comes the desire to travel some place far, far away and enjoy it for all it's worth.

Taking this into mind, food is the first area of which most would like to explore. Being that this is, after all, a food column, the plan is to do just that. In this issue (and the weeks following), unfamiliar and far away places will be at the forefront, bringing with them a description of the local cuisine, and hopefully a point of view that, although far from the excellence of the true thing, will hopefully hold a glimpse into what the rest of the world has to offer in a form that can be enjoyed from the dorm room, apartment or wherever else this article may lead.

Beginning this journey, it seems only appropriate to showcase a country of much tropical splendor. After all, summer is quickly fading into fall, leaving only the dreaded winter months to be pondered. The first country to come to mind to do justice to the summer months is Jamaica.

The food in Jamaica is quite different, and understandably so, than what one might find in more northern countries. Jamaicans.com offers a quick overview of the native provisions:

Jerk

The most popular dish in Jamaica is jerk. The main ingredient – pork, chicken or fish – is marinated with a fiery mixture of spices, including Scotch bonnet, a pepper that makes a jalapeño taste like a marshmallow, pimento or allspice, nutmeg and thyme.

It's all served up with even more hot sauce, rice and peas, and the wonderful festival bread. Jerk is one of the ultimate Jamaican dishes, dating back to the island's earliest days. The practice of cooking the meat over the flame was started by the Arawak Indians and then later seasoned up by the Maroons.

Corn pone

Cornmeal gives this pudding its name. It's made with coconut, sugar and spices.

Duckanoo

The recipe for duckanoo was brought from Africa. This delicious dessert is made with cornmeal, coconut, spices and brown sugar, all of which are tied up in a banana leaf and slowly cooked in boiling water.

Fish tea

This spicy soup looks and tastes much better than it sounds. Like a fish bouillon, this broth captures the taste of the sea. Watch out for fish bones when eating this popular favorite.

Escovitch

Escovitch is a style of cooking using vinegar, onions and spices brought to Jamaica by the Spanish Jews. In Jamaican grocery stores, bottled escovitch sauce can be found to make the preparation easier.

Mannish water

This spicy soup is reportedly an aphrodisiac (along with many other Jamaican specialties). Mannish water is sometimes called power water, and is made from goats' heads (some cooks include tripe and feet as well), garlic, scallions, green bananas, Scotch bonnet peppers and spinners. White rum is an optional ingredient. Often, men enjoy mannish water before drinking rum, but this item is a rarity on restaurant menus – it's usually sold at roadside stands, along with roasted yam

Ital food

Nope, it's not Italian food but Ital (eye-tal). This is the food of the Rastafarians, a vegetarian cuisine that does not make use of salt. Look for the red, green and gold Rasta colors on dining establishments as a clue to locating Ital eateries, which are often quite small.

Curried goat

It doesn't get any more Jamaican than curried goat. Look for it on any traditional island menu. It's especially popular at festivals and parties.

Rundown

This entrée is pickled fish cooked in a seasoned coconut milk until the fish falls apart or literally "runs down."

Rice and peas

This dish is found on just about every lunch and dinner plate and is sometimes nicknamed the Coat of Arms. It features rice, and either peas or beans are cooked in coconut milk and spices. In Jamaica the preferred "pea" is the red kidney bean.



Andrew Ohlmann/Stoutonia

Jamaican Curry Chicken

Ingredients

2 chicken breasts
1/4 cup oil
1 cup water
1 tomato, chopped
1 onion, chopped
2 tbsp. Jamaican style curry powder
1/2 clove garlic, chopped
1 sprig thyme
2 slices hot pepper (optional)
salt

- Cut chicken breasts into 1 1/2 inch cubes
- Fry and mix curry powder, onions, garlic, tomatoes, thyme and pepper in oil
- Add chicken and brown for 5 min. or until pink is completely gone
- Add water, lower heat, cover, and simmer for 30 min

Best served with white rice
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As intriguing as many of these food sound, preparing them would be quite an effort. Many of the ingredients would be few and far between, especially in this area of the country. Hope should not be lost, however, for the following recipe is a Jamaican dish that can be easily prepared and enjoyed.

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Volleyball drops five of last six games

By Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The Blue Devils varsity volleyball team has dropped five of their last six games including three of their four tournament games at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville on Sept. 28 and 29.

The Blue Devils started the tournament strong with a win over Lake Forest College winning three games to one with scores of 30-26, 30-23 and 30-25. Leading the way with 13 kills was senior Bridget Kelly. Other kill leaders were sophomore Jenna Swanson and junior Maggie Meixl with ten kills a piece. Senior Jenna Welsh lead the way with 41 assists. Overall the team had four blocks. Dig leaders were senior Casey Huntoon with 19, freshman Kim Labat with nine, sophomore Alicia Mizer with nine and senior Jenna Welsh with eight.

After a win over Lake Forest College the Blue Devils dropped the next three games. They lost to host UW-Platteville three games to none with scores of 30-13, 30-24, and 30-28. Kill leaders were Kelly with seven, Swanson and Meixl with five. Welsh had 18 assists. Huntoon led the way with 17 digs. Mizer and Welsh each added 13. The team had a total of ten blocks.

The Blue Devils started the second day of the tournament playing Cornell University and lost three games to one. The Blue Devils won the first match 30-24 and went on to drop the next three with scores of 24-30, 24-30 and 28-30. Leading the way in kills were Swanson and Kelly with 14, junior Kendra Pagel with 11, freshman Stephanie Nichols and Meixl each contributed five. Welsh led

the way with 42 assists. Dig leaders were Huntoon with 24, Welsh with 21, Mizer with 11 and freshman Allie Moir with ten. The team had a combined seven blocks.

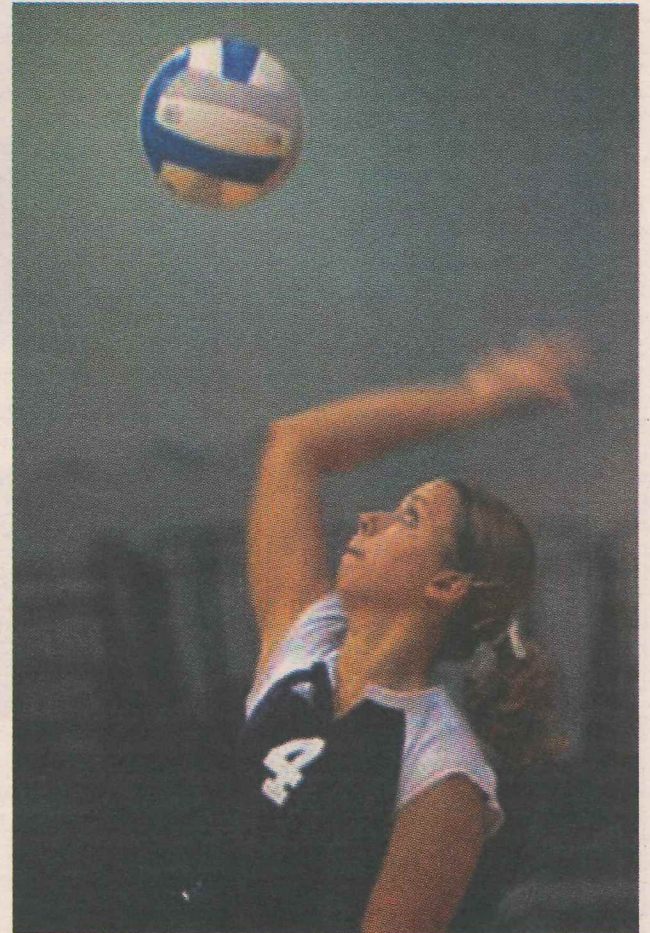
University of Wisconsin-Stout dropped the last match of the tournament to University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire three games to none dropping their overall record to 9-9. The Blue Devils lost with scores of 26-30, 27-30 and 23-30. Leading the way in kills were Swanson with 13, Kelly with nine, freshman Kitty Nicastro with six and Pagel with four. Welsh added in 32 assists while Huntoon contributed four assists. Huntoon led the way in digs with 19. Other dig leaders were Welsh and Kelly with eight, Moir with seven and Mizer with six. Huntoon was also named to the All-Tournament team.

The Blue Devils went 0-2 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference after losing to University of Wisconsin-Superior three games to one with scores of 30-26, 20-30, 26-30 and 26-30 on Sept. 26. "The loss against Superior opened our eyes," said Jolliff. "It showed us we need to work a little harder in every aspect of our game." Swanson led the way with 13 kills. Pagel added eight while Meixl added seven. Welsh led the way with 36 assists. Huntoon led the way in digs with 24 while senior Linda Meyer added 21, Mizer added 12 and Labat added 11. "We had some up and down streaks throughout the match," said head coach Jill Jolliff. "Superior has a solid team and they took advantage of us when we were not playing well."

UW-Stout lost their home opener to University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point three games to one with scores of 25-30, 25-30 and

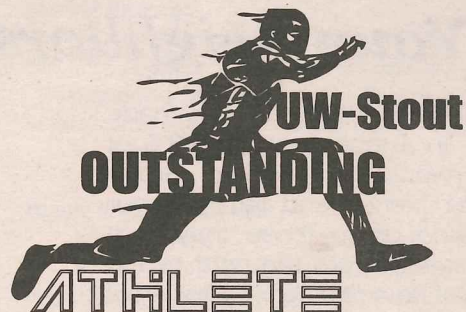
15-30 on Sept. 21. In the first two games the Blue Devils had a negative hitting percentage. Meixl led the way in kills with eight and Pagel added in seven. Welsh had 25 assists. Leading the way in digs was Huntoon with 21. Other contributors were Moir with 13, Meyer and Welsh both with 11 and Mizer with 10. "Our weakness over the last week and the entire season has been our ability to play at a high level of consistency," said Jolliff.

The Blue Devils will have two more WIAC matches this week. They will play University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. in La Crosse, Wis. The Blue Devils will play UW-Platteville in Platteville, Wis. on Oct. 6 at noon. Each player will be working on individual things for the upcoming play this weekend. "Each individual has her goals in the area of improvement," said Jolliff.



Contributed Photo

UW-Stout Senior Linda Meyer serves up a storm at the UW-Platteville Tournament.



Casey Huntoon

This five-foot-five-inch senior volleyball player from Mantorville, Minn. is a packaging major. In her spare time, Casey enjoys fishing, beach volleyball and being with her friends and family.

In high school, Casey was a team captain, a two-time all-conference honorable mention, and all-state for academics.

Casey was named to the all-tournament team last weekend, but UW-Stout lost both of their games in the final day of the UW-Platteville Invitational on Saturday. Huntoon finished the four-game tournament with 76 total digs over 14 games.



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Women's Cross Country finishes 24 of 42

By Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's cross country team finished 24 of 42 teams at the Roy Griak Invitational on Sept. 29 in Minneapolis, Minn.

The only Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference that UW-Stout finished in front of was the University of Wisconsin-Superior. Senior Abbey Ring was the top UW-Stout runner finishing with a time of 24 minutes and 40.3 seconds placing 72 of over 550 runners. This put Ring in the top 15 percent of runners. Freshman Emily Stenzel finished 131 with a time of 25 minutes and

15.1 seconds. Stenzel was the second place finisher for UW-Stout.

The Blue Devils finished 14 of 17 at the Eau Claire Bugold Invitational on Sept. 21. UW-Stout finished last of the WIAC teams. The course was 6,000 meters long. Junior Rachel Richardson was the top UW-Stout runner and finished 83 with a time of 26 minutes and 14.61 seconds. Freshman Karla Kultgen finished second for UW-Stout placing 108 with a time of 26 minutes and 52.46 seconds.

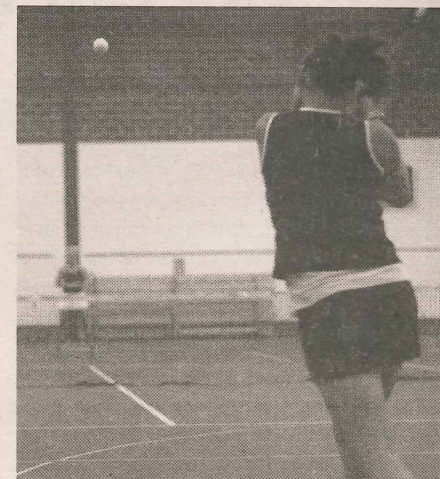
At the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Midwest Collegiate Invitational on Sept. 15 the Blue Devils placed 15 of 22 teams. This race had numerous National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 1 and 2 teams.

Freshman Abby Stenzel was the top UW-Stout runner and the only one to break 20 minutes in the 5,000 meter race. She finished 80 with a time of 19 minutes and 58 seconds.

This was nearly 90 seconds off of her previous time at the Blue Devil Alumni race that was held two weeks prior. Ring placed second of the Stout runners with a time of 20 minutes and two seconds to give her and 88 place finish. Division I Marquette won the race with Division II host UW-Parkside finishing second.

The team has off until Oct. 13 when they will compete at the Tori Neubauer Invitational that will be hosted by University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Skirts try hard



Photograph by Evan Theurer
UW-Stout Sophomore Lindsey Lubarda returns a striking serve.

By Michael Broetzmann
Staff Writer

The Women's Tennis team continued their competition last week in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference against the power house of University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in addition to the Pointers of University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Both of these matches came out to be tough losses for the Blue Devils, as they need wins in order to advance to the Division-III national championships held in the spring.

The first of the matches took place a week ago from today, as the Devils took court in Eau Claire to face the Bugolds. The Blue Devils squad fought hard, but was unable to win as they fell to a 7-2 loss. Wins for the Blue Devils were picked up by Allie Hinman, a freshman from Lino Lake, Minn., who played at the number one position, and the number three doubles team of Jodie Czech and Lindsay Lubarda.

The second of the matches took place last Saturday, as the Blue Devils and the Pointers battled it out in a close match that took place here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. The team ended up losing 5-4 in a match that came down to a tiebreaker as UW-Stout's Natalie Hahn who was playing in the number four position lost after battling back from being down earlier in the match. Pulling out wins for UW-Stout in doubles play was Allie Hinman and Natalie Hahn, who were playing at number one doubles, in addition to Jodie Czech and Lindsay Lubarda who played at the third position in doubles. Czech continued to be successful during the meet as she also won at the number two position in singles. Also winning during singles play was Kiersten Johnson who won at the number three position.

The Blue Devils will continue play Thursday Oct. 4, here at UW-Stout as they will face the Eagles of University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. The match will be important for the Devils as they only have two matches remaining in the WIAC, both of which are crucial to the team's hopes of being able to compete next spring in the national championships.

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Blue Devil football team wins one at home

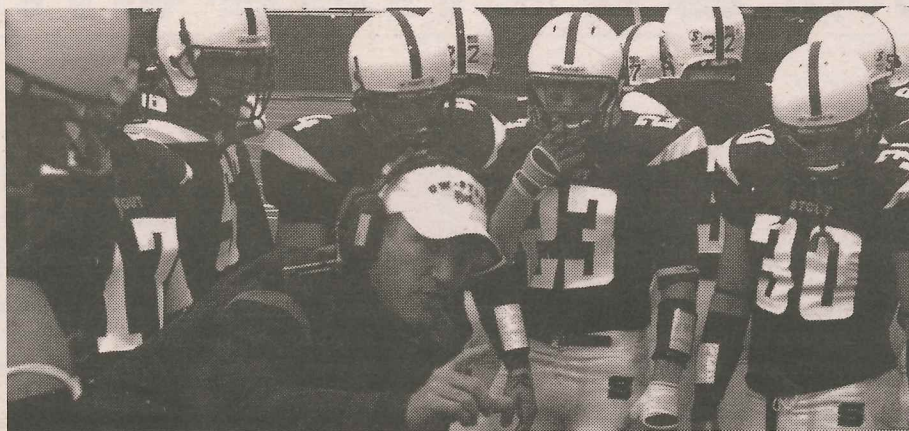
By Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

The often heard sports cliché, "offense wins games, defense wins championships" was evident last weekend as the University of Wisconsin-Stout football team picked up their first win in conference play against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

A combination of opportunistic, rock-solid defense and marvelous special teams play made all the difference in a game where neither offense was able to get their respective units on the right track. The Blue Devils were able to make due in other aspects of the game as they won 28-7 in the annual Hall-of-Fame Game at Don & Nona Williams Stadium in Menomonie, Wis.

During first quarter action, both teams left much to be desired as far as high-octane offense goes as they traded punts on two different occasions. As the first quarter was drawing to an end, the Blue Devils defense sacked UW-Platteville quarterback Michael Schmidt at his own 3-yard line to bring up third and long. UW-Stout proceeded to stop them for no gain forcing a punt.

UW-Stout's Jordan Schumacher fielded the punt at the Pioneers 38-yard line, made a cut, then dashed down the UW-Stout sideline to give the Blue Devils a 7-0 lead with just over half a minute left in the first quarter. This was Schumacher's, a freshman defensive back from Weyewauga, Wis., first collegiate touchdown.



Photograph by Evan Theurer

UW-Stout Defensive Coordinator Clayt Birmingham gives a pep talk to the Blue Devils.

In a turnover-filled second quarter, each team was plagued with sloppy play and drive-killing turnovers. Contrary to the first quarter where each team traded punts, fumbles were the medium of exchange.

While neither team could influence the score by capitalizing on the turnovers the first time around, UW-Stout was able to get their second touchdown via return on the afternoon when Chad Parker intercepted a Schmidt pass and ambled his way to the end zone for a touchdown. Following placekicker Kyle Martin's second point-after-touchdown of the day, the score was 14-0 in favor of UW-Stout.

To prevent the game from getting too far out of hand, the Pioneers were able to take

the following kickoff and assemble a scoring drive that covered 66 yards and chewed up a little over four minutes of game clock. A balanced offensive attack featuring quarterback Schmidt, tailback Mike Genslinger was able to reach the end zone on a 17-yard pass from Schmidt to receiver Craig Patterson to bring UW-Platteville within a touchdown just before half-time leaving the score at intermission 14-7, Blue Devils.

The Blue Devils offense received the ball to begin the half, and was composing a decent drive before a stand by the UW-Platteville defense that forced a punt. The Pioneers got the ball back at their own 20-yard line with intentions of tying the score. After allowing UW-Platteville to drive all the way

to the UW-Stout 33-yard line, defensive lineman Matt Kuenzli intercepted Schmidt at the 38-yard line and was escorted by a convoy of blockers as he raced 62 yards untouched into the end zone. The third return touchdown of the afternoon left the scoreboard reading: UW-Stout 21, Visitor 7.

The game endured a slight interruption as lightning caused two separate delays totaling 55 minutes. For the duration of the game, UW-Stout played lights out defense as they stopped the Pioneers on a fourth and goal nearing the end of the third quarter. That proved to be as far as UW-Platteville could drive as they were shut out for the remainder of the game.

In the waining minutes of the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils offense recorded their first offensive touchdown of the game when senior running back Andy Reese waltzed 12 yards into the end zone for a touchdown that iced the game at 28-7.

For the Blue Devils, Andy Reese accounted for 118 total yards on 28 touches and a touchdown on offense while the defense stood out as a whole, collecting 4 interceptions and one fumble that went for a total of two touchdowns. Linebacker Kyle Seiler collected 19 total tackles to bring his team leading total to 48 on the season.

For their next contest, UW-Stout travels to Oshkosh, WI to face the Titans of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh at 1:30 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 6. Their current record stands at 2-2 with a 1-0 mark in conference play.

Men's Cross Country finishes 17 of 34

By Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

Men's cross country finished 17 of 34 with 481 points on Sept. 29 and the Roy Griak Invitational at the Les Bolstad Golf Course in Minneapolis, Minn.

The Blue Devils finished behind other Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference members the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, the University of

Wisconsin-Whitewater and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Senior David Schonscheck was the top finisher for UW-Stout finishing with a time of 27 minutes and 56 seconds. That set him in 89th place of more than 350 runners. Sophomore Nate Carey also finished in the top 100 placing 96th with a time of 28 minutes and three seconds.

The team finished 16 of 21 at the Eau Claire Bugold Invitational on Sept. 21 at the Whitetail Golf Course. The course was 8,000 meters long. The only WIAC team that UW-Stout finished in front of was the

University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Senior Jon Golem was the top runner for Stout finishing 105 of 287 with a time of 28 minutes and 41.64 seconds. Placing second for the Blue Devils was freshman Austin Thorson who placed 125 with a time of 29 minutes and 1.35 seconds.

In their first meet of the season, the Blue Devils finished 11 of 20 at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Midwest Collegiate Invitational on Sept. 15 that was also an 8,000 meter race. UW-Stout finished in front of Division 1 University of Wisconsin-

Green Bay and Division II UW-Parkside in the WIAC.

Top runners were Schonscheck placing 56 with a time of 26 minutes and 46 seconds, Carey finishing 82 with a time of 27 minutes and 22 seconds, and freshman Peter Johnston who placed 90th with a time of 27 minutes and 37 seconds.

The Blue Devils will not have another competition until Oct. 13 when they will compete at the Jim Drew Invitational that will be hosted by UW-La Crosse.

Men's Golf slips to a "respectable" 9th place finish

By Michael Broetzmann
Staff Writer

The Blue Devils Men's Golf team has been in full swing as they have had tournaments for the past three consecutive weekends. Although the young team faced tough competitors, they managed to finish respectably against the teams.

The Devils started their season with the Auggie Fall Invite, which took place at the Chaska Town Course of Chaska, Minn. This two-day tournament that took place Septem-

ber 9 and 10 played host to many respectable teams, including the national champions from St. Johns, the two top ranked teams of Gustavus Adolphus and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. The team started strong in fourth place after the first day of competition, but as the tournament continued they slipped down to a respectable ninth place finish.

The Devil's rebounded the following week with a first place finish at the Edgewood College Culvers' Fall Classic, which took place Sept. 16 and 17. They were only in second place after the first day, but the

team managed to play well as they ended up winning the tournament in a 22 team field. There were solid individual performances by many of the athletes from UW-Stout including Geoff PirkI, who tied for second, Matt Fielder who tied for fourth, and Tyler Mahlik who took sixth and Derek Holmes who took seventh.

Lastly, the team did not have to travel far as they competed in the Frank Wigglesworth Bugold Invitational which took place at the Eau Claire Country club in Eau Claire, Wis. Again, the team faced tough competi-

tors and managed to fair their own. Matt Fielder of UW-Stout managed to shoot one of the top scores on the second day, but it was not enough to bring the team to a victory. Some of the top individual performances by the Blue Devils included a 12th place finish by Matt Fielder and a 15th place finish by Derek Holmes.

The team will travel to La Crosse, Wis. this weekend to wrap up their fall season as they will compete in the Viterbo Invitational at the La Crosse Country Club.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Blue Devil Football

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The UW-Stout football team beat UW-Platteville last weekend mainly due to the hands of their defense, literally. The Blue Devils managed to pick off four of UW-Platteville's passes, and returned two of them for touchdowns. Stout did manage an offensive trip to the end zone within the last few minutes of the game, beating UW-Platteville 28-7.

Next game: (Away) At UW-Oshkosh on Sat. Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m.



Blue Devil Tennis

43 Stout's tennis team lost again last week, this time to UW-Stevens Point. The Blue Devils opened the day, which originally began outside but was moved indoors due to rough weather, by losing four singles matches. This also included the decisive match at No. 4 for a 5-4 loss against UW-Stevens point. The tennis team now looks to break a two game losing streak.

Next game: At UW-Oshkosh on Sat. Oct. 6 at 10 a.m. and at St. Norbert on Sat. Oct. 6 at 2 p.m.



Blue Devil Volleyball

9-10 Casey Huntoon was named to the all-tournament team. However, her praise was short lived because Stout lost both of their games on the final day of the UW-Platteville Invitational on Sat. Sept. 29.

Next Game: (Away) At UW-La Crosse on Fri. Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.



Blue Devil Soccer

2-8 The Blue Devil soccer team looks to break a four game losing streak this week after losing to UW-La Crosse 2-0. The Eagle's Ramsey Weyenberg scored in the first half to give UW-La Crosse a lead of 1-0. Although the Blue Devils outshot the La Crosse Eagles in the second half, they failed to overcome an early deficit.

Next game: (Away) At UW-Superior on Sat. Oct. 6 at 1 p.m.

Women's Golf

Molly Loney finished in 11th place after the first day of the UW-Stevens Point Invite with a score of 85. She was consistent with her first day's score, once again scoring 85 strokes on the day, finishing the tournament in 10th place at the Stevens Point Country Club. As a team, Stout finished seventh.

Next match: At WIAC Championships on Oct. 6 & 7.

Stout football team wins one at home | Women's golf team ends tournament in seventh place | Soccer team looks to break four game losing streak

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- Women's Day Expo 2007. Tickets are \$5 at door or bring a feminine product donation. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Glass Lounge, Merle Price Commons
- How to Prepare for the Career Conference Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 430, Library Learning Center
- LGBT Awareness Month – Sexual Orientation and Culture: A Dialogue. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ballrooms B and C, MSC

Friday, October 5

- Whitewater Canoeing, Bois Brule River to October 7. Cost: \$55 students, \$65 community. Need to be signed up by October 1. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Monday, October 8

- PBS Art Series Pre-screening. 5:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts
- Stout Apparel Society Model Call. 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Room 377, Home Economics Building

Tuesday, October 9

- EDGE Program: Research Services – Understanding Grants and Contracts. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Room 205, Millennium Hall
- UW-Stout Career Conference. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Great Hall, and Ballrooms A, B, and C, MSC
- Listening Sessions Scheduled. 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Ballroom C, MSC

Wednesday, October 10

- UW-Stout Career Conference. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Great Hall, and Ballrooms A, B, and C, MSC
- Dutch Oven Basics. Cost: \$5 student, \$10 community. Need to be signed up by October 3. 6 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Thursday, October 11

- Satellite Seminar on Global Sourcing. 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Room 201, Millennium Hall
- UW-Stout Career Conference. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Great Hall, and Ballrooms A, B, and C, MSC
- National Coming Out Day: Be a Safe Face. 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Gather at Alley Center and end at Clock Tower Plaza

Friday, October 12

- Northshore Rock Climbing to October 14. Cost: \$65 student, \$75 community. Need to be signed up by October 8. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Monday, October 15

- Job Search Strategies Workshop. 1:25 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Room 430, Library Learning Center

Tuesday, October 16

- EDGE Program: Safety and Risk Management. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Room 201, Millennium Hall
- Portfolio Information Workshop. 10:10

a.m. to 11 a.m. Room 430, Library Learning Center

- Theater Play: Help Wanted. 7 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Wednesday, October 17

- International Students – How to find a Co-op/ Internship Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 430, Library Learning Center

Entertainment

Thursday, October 4

- Death to our Enemies with Superhopper – music. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Friday, October 5

- Grindhouse – movie. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts.

Sunday, October 7

- 2nd Annual BBQ and Blues Festival. Cost: \$15. Noon to 4 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Thursday, October 11

- Unknown Prophets – music. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Saturday, October 13

- Family Open House Celebration. Reservations required. Noon to 4:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie
- Stout Rocks – Homecoming Week 2007 begins

Monday, October 15

- Rockin' Penny Wars. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. continues until October 18.
- Stout Rocks Karaoke. Performers may arrive at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Tuesday, October 16

- Chancellor Sorensen Rocks... Window Painting.
- Rock Your Soapbox Derby. Construction begins at 12:01 p.m. and continues until 3:30 p.m. South Lawn, MSC
- Rock Your Soapbox Derby. Races begin at 4 p.m. Wilson Ave. and 2nd St. W

Wednesday, October 17

- Jay Black – comedian. 8 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Athletics

Thursday, October 4

- Tennis vs. UW-La Crosse. 3:30 p.m.

Friday, October 5

- Volleyball at UW-La Crosse. 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 6

- Women's Golf at WIAC Championships, Windwood Golf Course, Watertown, WI
- Tennis at UW-Oshkosh. 10 a.m.
- Volleyball at UW-Platteville. noon
- Soccer at UW-Superior. 1 p.m.
- Football at UW-Oshkosh. 1:30 p.m. (FSN-Wisconsin, rebroadcast 10/9 at 7 p.m.)
- Tennis at St. Norbert College. 2 p.m.

Sunday, October 7

- Women's Golf at WIAC Championships, Windwood Golf Course, Watertown, WI.
- Men's Golf at Viterbo Invite, La Crosse CC, La Crosse, WI. 9 a.m.

Monday, October 8

- Men's Golf at Viterbo Invite, La Crosse CC, La Crosse, WI. 9 a.m.

Wednesday, October 10

- Volleyball at UW-River Falls. 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 11

- Soccer at Hamline University. 4 p.m.

Friday, October 12

- Tennis vs. Winona State. 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 13

- Women's Cross Country at Tori Neubauer Invitational, La Crosse, WI. 10 a.m.
- Men's Cross Country at Jim Drews Invitational, La Crosse, WI. 11 a.m.
- Football at UW-Stevens Point. 1 p.m.
- Soccer vs. UW-Whitewater. 2 p.m.

Tuesday, October 16

- Volleyball at St. Scholastica. 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17

- Soccer at UW-River Falls. 4 p.m.



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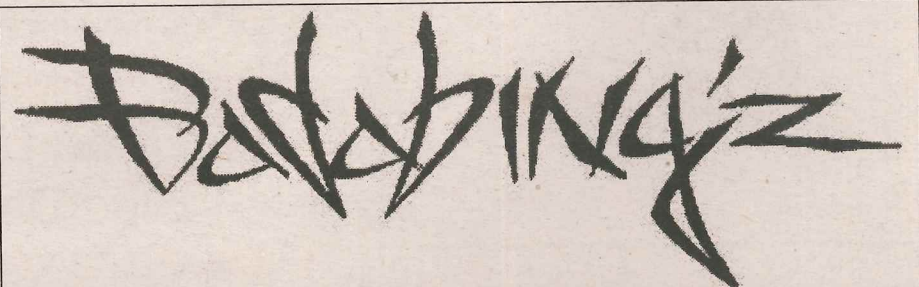
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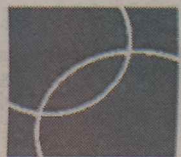
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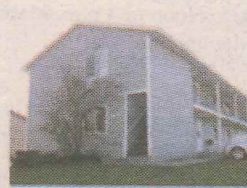
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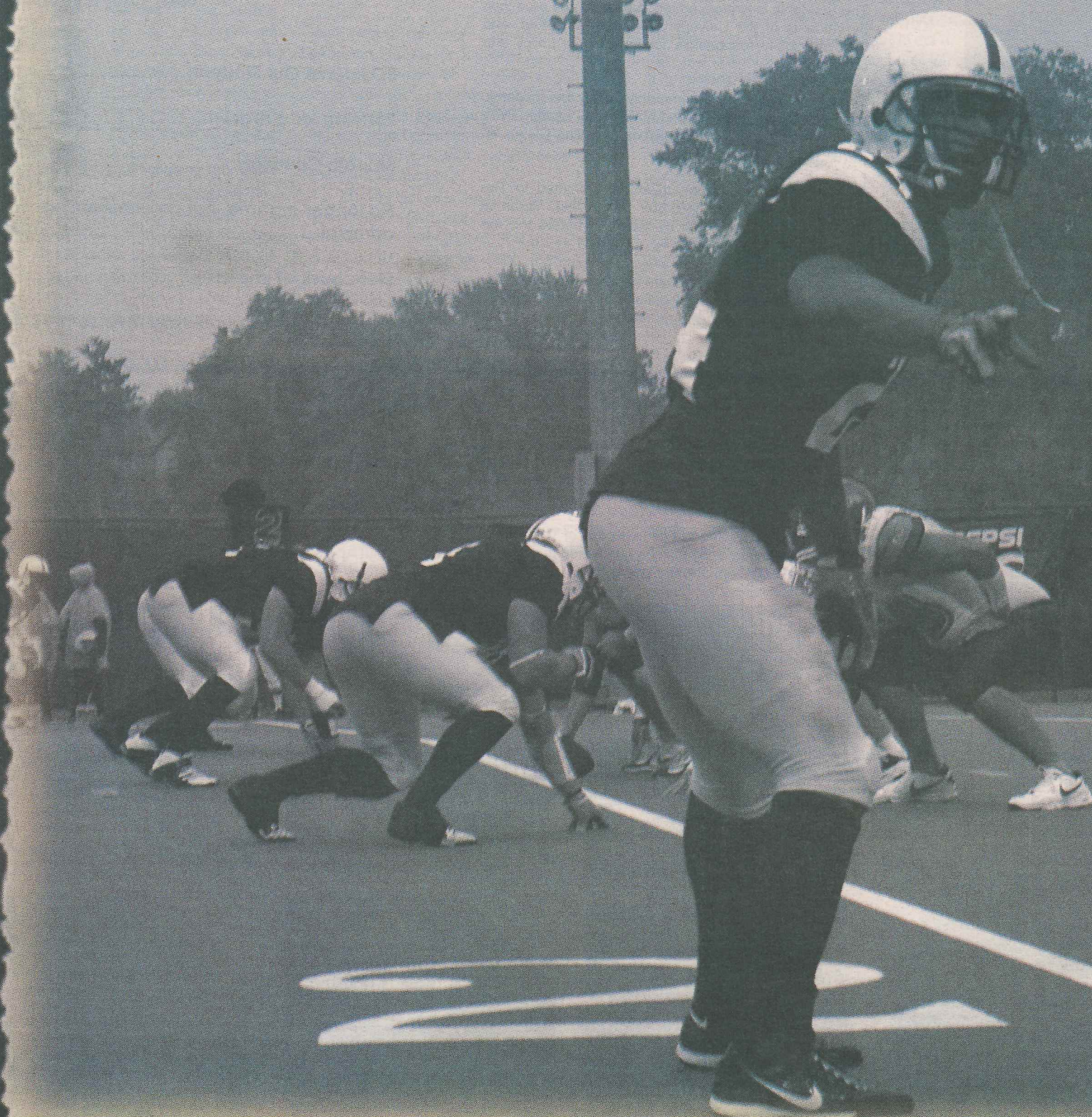
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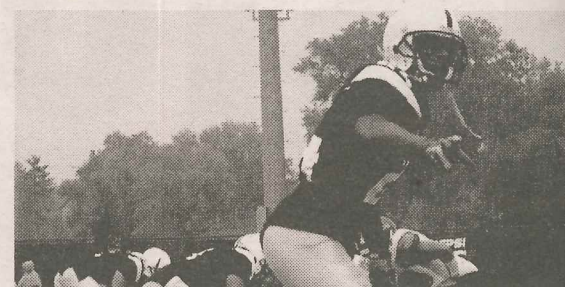
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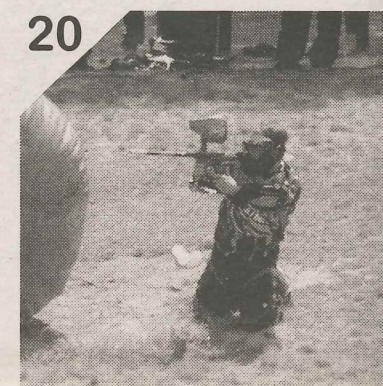
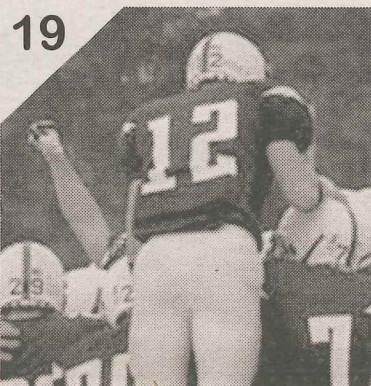
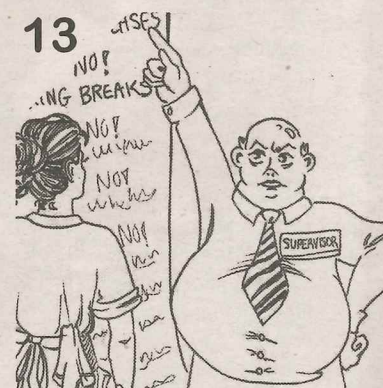
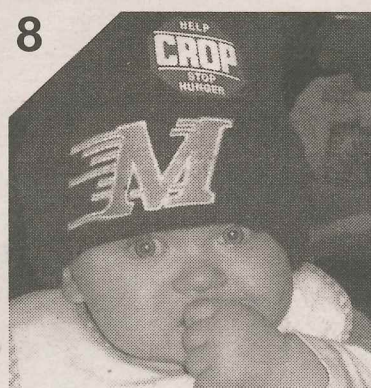
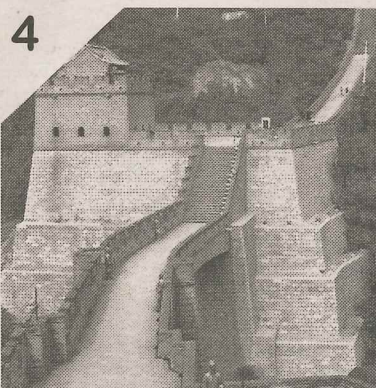
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SOS: Save Our Students!

Struggle to pass Wisconsin state budget leaves students in financial strain

Brittany Bean
Staff Writer

Do you have an extra \$800 lying around?

Most students are already working multiple jobs and taking out loans to cover college costs. So what happens if the state budget for Wisconsin doesn't get passed by Nov. 1, and tuition at the University of Wisconsin-Stout goes up \$800?



Michael Lubke

Do you think you can squeeze in one more shift at work before your 8 a.m. class? Or would you rather take a stand and try to prevent this increase in tuition?

"We the students need to band together and put pressure on our legislature," Michael Lubke, president of the Stout Student Association, said.

"We need to do this by sending let-

ters, calling and emailing saying that the way things are being handled is unacceptable. The people of Wisconsin need a budget, especially a student-friendly budget," Lubke said.

Right now, that student-friendly budget is over 100 days overdue.

On Monday, Oct. 15, the State Senate passed a budget that supported the UW-System. Lubke, who says he is very disappointed in our legislators, hopes to see a similar budget passed by both houses of the state legislature for Wisconsin's state budget.

"There is a million dollar cut to Stout, but it would be much less detrimental than the five million dollar cut that's been talked about," Lubke said.

If a budget is passed that cuts funding in a great amount like that or if no budget is passed at all, the Board of Regents might raise tuition—up to an \$800 increase for spring—in order to ensure that the system has enough money to operate.

"In addition to the large tuition sur-

charge, classes and programs may be cut and faculty could be laid-off, Lubke said.

Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen responded to the growing budget concerns by addressing faculty and staff through an e-mail on Oct. 17.

"Academic programs and program development are the engines that drive every university. The budget deadlock restricts the development of programs so critical to our future and crucial to attracting companies with high paying jobs," says Sorensen. "We must replace our retiring faculty with the very best in the field, but the budget impasse has created an environment that is not attractive to bright, young new faculty." You can read all of the chancellor's urging to action on Page 12 of the Opinions section.

Because the UW-System is one of the state's main economic drivers, Lubke hopes the legislature will support it. If not, you have a decision to make. Raise your voice by calling or writing our legislature, or prepare to pay the consequences, literally.

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Wisconsin Higher Education Grant fails students

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Thousands of college students in the University of Wisconsin-System are waiting to receive their Wisconsin Higher Education Grant (WHEG) from the government. The number of Stout students waiting for their subsidized grants stand at 287, up from 234 on Sept. 4.

Wisconsin has been without a new state budget since July 1, the beginning of the biennial 2007-2009 fiscal year. After the legislation failed to pass the budget due to disagreement between the Republican and Democratic parties, a waiting list was created to help filter grant applications. With no budget in place, the amount of money guaranteed for students in need is unknown.

The state stopped processing applications after June 27, the earliest the grant program has ever suspended requests. Any applications submitted after the June date are on hold until the budget is passed.

The WHEG program provides grant assistance to undergraduate, Wisconsin residents enrolled at least half-time in a degree or certificate program at University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Technical College and Tribal institutions. Eligibility for these grants is

based primarily on financial need and specific eligibility requirements.

On average, the WHEG program gives out \$2,000 per student. "Students who qualify for state grants are the neediest of the needy," said Doug Mell, Director of Communications at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

"Right now, they are just waiting in limbo to see if they will get the money that they qualify for," said Mell.

If the students who qualify for these grants do not receive them, many ramifications await them. Taking out loans through other institutions with high interest rates, dropping credits, working more hours, or even dropping out

of school altogether are unappealing possibilities but could potentially be reality for these students in need.

"It seems like the money usually comes through, we've just never sat this long without a budget before" said Financial Aid Interim Director Beth Boisen.

State budget problems are not only affecting students, but the entire UW-System. Chancellor of UW-Stout, Charles Sorensen said, "The whole UW-System is cutting back on student enrollment, the hiring of faculty, everything, just to pay for things we need."

The University of Wisconsin-Madison

is considering slowing down the admission rates for the incoming freshmen class of fall 2008 if state funding support remains uncertain or declines. Having an insufficient amount of faculty due to lack of funding could cause class sections to be dropped or class size to increase. In order to maintain quality in the classroom, reducing the number of enrolled students is an option UW-Madison is considering.

While UW-Madison is already considering precautions, it is still very early to see what the actual impact would be on UW-Stout and other universities if the budget does get cut.

The state budget problem has left many people wondering what is being done so this doesn't happen again. "There's been a mas-

sive attempt at lobbying from students, alumni and local businesses to the government," said Sorensen.

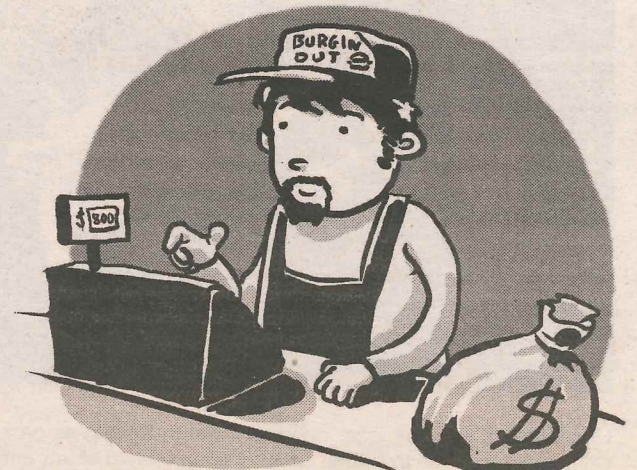
"The strongest voice is the students," said Boisen. "We need to encourage students to be involved in their financial aid and to contact the legislature to let them know specifically what they need."

Statewide, the number of eligible students will continue to climb as students keep qualifying for grants. Other universities in western Wisconsin have wait lists similar to UW-Stout's. The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire has 266 students waiting for \$566,196 in aid and University of Wisconsin-River Falls has 206 students waiting for \$431,752. The total number of Wisconsin students waiting is 5,544 with aid totaling up to \$11.97 million.

What is the main way you pay for Tuition?

- Financial Aid/ Loans
- Scholarships
- Grants
- Part-time/Full-time job
- Parents
- Other

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Running for a reason | Campus police chief travels to China for Special Olympics Torch Run

Erica Edblom
Staff Writer

The last week of September was not a routine on-campus week for University of Wisconsin-Stout's Chief of Police Lisa Walters. Instead of serving and protecting UW-Stout's ever unique and diverse community, Walters found herself serving and appreciating the unique and diverse athletes of the Special Olympics. It wasn't her typical annual torch run throughout Wisconsin; this torch run took the chief of police along the Great Wall of China.

For those who are not familiar with the Special Olympics Torch Run, it is an event in partnership with law enforcement that leads up to opening of the Special Olympics games. The Special Olympics Web page states that the Law Enforcement Torch Run is the "largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle." Walter's participation in this event contains the same motives, to raise money and awareness.

Because of Walters' 14 years of dedication to the Special Olympics and partnership through law enforcement, she was nominated and chosen to be part of the Torch Run and Final Leg for the opening of the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China. Lisa Walters carries a long list of service in the Special Olympics. She is on the state Polar Plunge Committee and Torch Run Board. Walter is also the co-chair of the Chiefs of Police Association and the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, in which she helped create the partnership between the Special Olympics. Besides her participation on these committees she is committed to raising knowledge and financial support for the

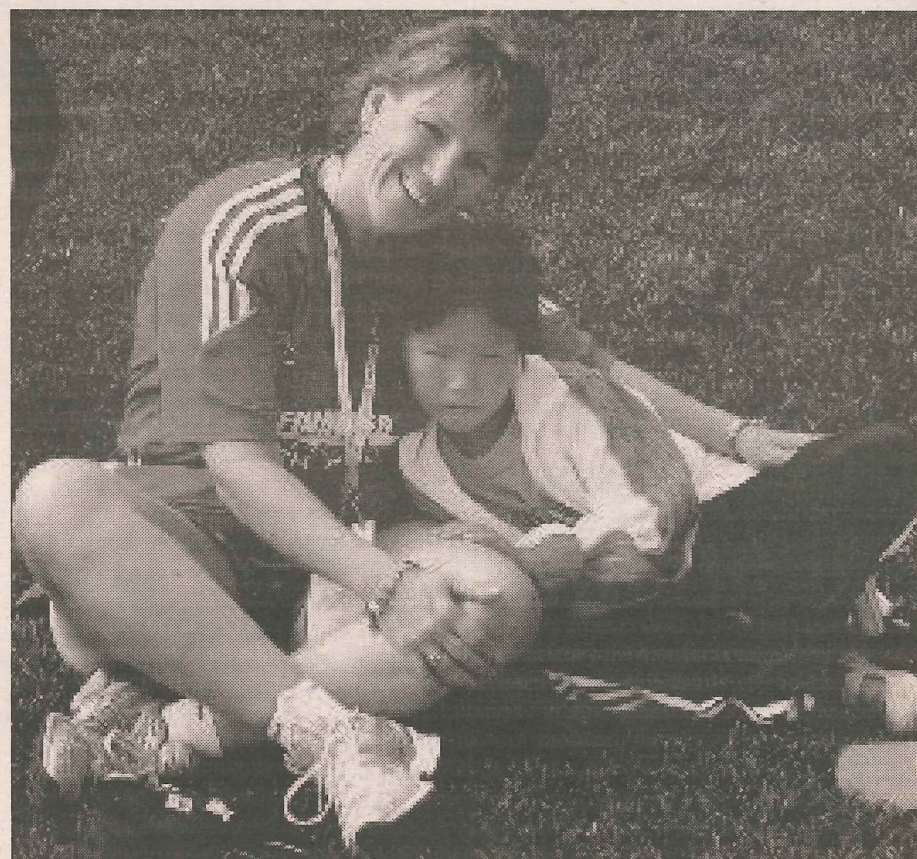
Special Olympics year-round by partaking in numerous activities. Walters states that her ultimate goal is to, "Motivate and encourage the students of UW-Stout to get involved with the Special Olympics", because she sees the potential students have to encourage and motivate the athletes through coaching and volunteering. By her participation she hopes to influence college students to do the same.

Ninety-nine other officers from the United States and five athletes from the Special Olympics were also awarded this honor to take part in the Torch Run. As the Summer Games were scheduled to start on Oct. 2, Walters headed to China along with hundreds of others to commemorate the opening. Their first stop landed them in Beijing.

Beijing was the location for the Arrival Torch Ceremony on Sept. 24. A minor's lamp carried the flame that lit the beginning torches. Eleven torches were lit to signify the 11 teams that were to begin their quest throughout China for the next several days. The ceremony ended by all 11 teams carrying the torch along the Great Wall of China.

For the next three days, each team participated in ceremonies throughout different host cities in China. Host cities are communities where the athletes stay to learn about the culture and to settle in before the games begin. Lisa Walters' team, team nine, was stationed in Beijing. Her team was a combination of law enforcement officers from around the world and one athlete, Katie Crawford from Indiana. For three days, team nine traveled throughout districts and communities in Beijing; starting at the Temple of Heaven, to Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and other smaller communities within the district, each containing a Torch run and ceremony.

Walters recalls the experience in the



Submitted Photo

Lisa Walters takes time off to pose with one of the participants of the Torch Run in China.

Forbidden City, "It was a surreal site, running down an eight lane highway, with hundreds of on-lookers and supporters waving their nations' flags. China was not always like this. Being a Communist nation that in previous years lacked awareness and recognition of individuals with intellectual disabilities, it is a significant change. China went from a country with no acknowledgment, to hosting the Special Olympics Summer Games. It's amazing. This is when I knew we were making a difference."

After all the ceremonies ended in Beijing, team nine flew to Shanghai and met up once again with the rest of the teams for the Flame Unification Ceremony. The teams then split up to celebrate throughout Shanghai's districts. Walters commented, "China is a very ceremonial nation. We were privileged to be part of their sacred customs, and welcome warmly by each community." Finally on Oct. 2 it was time for the final leg and the opening ceremonies for the Summer Games.

Eighty thousand people filled Shanghai Stadium for the Opening Ceremony. Walters was privileged to be part of the celebration, cheering on the athletes as they carried the torch. Walters expressed, "This ceremony was all about the athletes; it is their games, their talents and their time to shine." As the ceremony ended, Walters and other law enforcement officers from throughout the world left the ceremony in awe and tears. They were humbled by the privilege that they took part in, and the dif-

ference they were able to make. They had reached their goals even further than what they had expected.

"When it came to the end, we knew we changed China. But we did not realize how much China would change us. It still has not soaked in how much my life has been affected," Walters said. She will always have a place in her heart for all those who impacted her throughout the trip, including her teammates, roommate Katie Crawford, peers she ran with and the citizens of China. Walters remains in awe of those who continue to work with and support people with intellectual disabilities, and to know now that China is supporting those families amazes her.

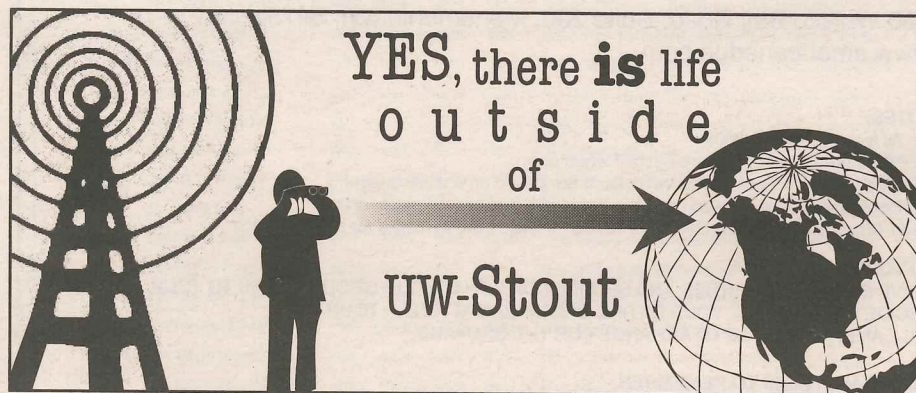
A parent once told her that they do not see the Special Olympics as a sports program that specializes in improving lives, but a life program and specializes in sports. Walters states that she now understands, and has seen with her own eyes that reality. Walter declared, "None of us have to go to China for the kind of experience I was part of. Those experiences are right here, if we cease the opportunity." Walters ended by stating that as UW-Stout students, the learning doesn't begin and end in the classroom, but resonates throughout programs in the community. What the students learn from this community, they will carry to the next community they are part of.

As the Special Olympics Summer Games came to an end on Oct. 11, the impact it had on the community, participates and Lisa Walters continues on.



Submitted Photo

Lisa Walter's and her team traveled through Beijing as part of the final leg of the Special Olympics torch run in China. Team nine consisted of law enforcement officers from around the world and one athlete, Katie Crawford from Indiana.



Colbert 2008! Finally: a reason to vote.

From the Associated Press: Stephen Colbert announced his candidacy for president on "The Colbert Report" on Oct. 16.

"I shall seek the office of the President of the United States," announced Colbert on his Comedy Central show, as balloons fell around him.

Colbert had recently satirized the coyness of would-be presidential candidates by refusing to disclose whether he would seek the country's highest office — a refusal that often came without any prompting.

The Comedy Central host has often mobilized his fans. For example, he has in the past encouraged them to vote to have a Hungarian bridge named after him. On another occasion he prompted his viewers to vandalize Wikipedia.com with his version of "truthiness" and "wikiality."

How far the mock conservative pundit planned to stretch his impression of a presidential candidate wasn't clear.

Colbert planned to get his name on the primary ballot in South Carolina, where the comedian is originally from. Earlier this week, South Carolina public television station ETV invited Colbert to announce his candidacy on its air.

When recently asked what party affiliation he would adopt if he tossed his hat in the ring, Colbert replied: "Both. I can lose twice."

In a guest column for Maureen Dowd in Sunday's New York Times, Colbert wrote: "I am not ready to announce yet — even though it's clear that the voters are desperate for a white, male, middle-aged, Jesus-trumpeting alternative."

Good news for cigarette and alcohol companies: Bush will veto any legislation aimed at using the tax code to "single out specific industries."

According to a letter from the director of the National Economic Council to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, President Bush's senior advisers will recommend he veto any energy bill that raises taxes or uses the tax code to "single out specific industries."

Democrats in Congress are interpreting this to mean that President Bush will veto any energy bill that seeks to raise taxes on oil companies. One Democratic congressman from Massachusetts accused the Bush admin-

istration of "coddling Big Oil instead of developing alternative energy resources."

House and Senate leaders are working to prepare a compromise energy package from two different packages, and Hubbard's letter throws down a challenge on a number of key provisions dear to Democrats.

For instance, the House package would result in new taxes for oil companies to the tune of \$16 billion and would also require that investor-owned utility companies generate at least 15 percent of their electricity from renewable energy sources by 2020.

Woman jailed for possession of cat pee. Garfield wanted for questioning.

Cynthia Hunter, 38, was arrested in Tampa, Florida on Aug. 15, charged with petty theft after she was accused of stealing from a Wal-Mart store. Deputies added charges of possession of a controlled substance after finding a vial filled with yellow substance in her purse. A drug field test suggested the substance was methamphetamine.

Hunter protested, saying the substance was dehydrated cat urine for her son's science project and that it had been purchased at an animal clinic. She was released from jail Thursday, Oct. 4, after lab tests found the substance was, in fact, cat urine.

Hunter pleaded guilty to petty theft and a judge gave her time served. It was not clear if she had an attorney and why the substance might have tested positive for methamphetamine.

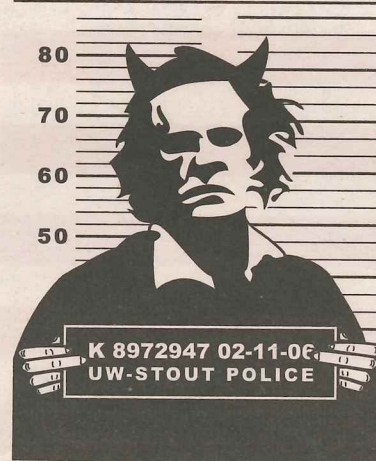
Australian man, clad only in underpants, survives 98-foot fall. Darwin seen shaking head in amazement.

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, an Australian man wearing only his underpants survived a 98-foot fall from his ninth-floor apartment after trying to walk to a neighbor's balcony while balancing on a plank.

A garden gazebo broke the 35-year-old man's fall, and he was taken to a hospital.

Ros Weatherall, a spokeswoman for Western Australia state police, said rescue workers found the man, who was not immediately identified, wearing only his underpants.

"He was skylarking around, building planks across to his neighbor's place, when it happened," she said. "He was very lucky."



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Tales of stupidity from Menomonie

Citations Issued

Oct. 1 through Oct. 15

UAD – 1st offense – 10
UAD – 2nd offense – 2
UAD – 3rd offense – 1
Disorderly Conduct – 2
Open Container – 1
Misuse of Parking Services – 2

Criminal Charges

Entry into locked vehicle – 2
Criminal damage to property – 2
Petty Theft – 2
Resisting arrest and obstructing an officer – 2

Dirty, drunk and creepy is no way to go through life, son

Tuesday, Oct. 2. 10:22 p.m.

Three RAs in South Hall had contact with four suspicious males that were walking into open rooms and talking with female residents, making many of them uncomfortable. The males were not known by any of the female residents on the floor and were not invited.

The male intruders were asked to leave and at first did so, only to return after approximately 20 minutes, entering a female resident's room and closing the door behind them. The resident, scared, used her cell phone to send a text message to the RA. The men were escorted from the building.

The four intruders were white, appeared to be either in their late teens or early 20s and "a bit scruffy looking and unclear." One was unmistakably intoxicated. Two were dressed in hoodies. They stated that they were not students and that they lived behind the football field.

UW-Stout student almost victim to money scam. Remarkably, this had nothing to do with tuition

Friday, Oct. 4. 3:15 p.m.

A 19-year-old female student responded to an ad on the University of Wisconsin-Stout Web site job postings. The title of the business was Louis Guig Art Gallery (the link has since been removed). She subsequently received three apparent U.S. Postal Service money orders totaling \$2550. She was to fill in her name, cash the money orders and send a por-

tion of the money to a person in San Jose, Calif., keeping the remainder for herself.

Not surprisingly, the money orders were fraudulent, part of a recent scam that has resulted in numerous complaints to law enforcement and to U.S. Postal Service inspectors.

William Tell bids good-bye to laptop. Officer moved to poetry.

Thursday, Oct. 11. 11:05 a.m.

A 20-year-old male turned in his leased laptop to the staff at Millenium Hall. The screen was damaged with what staff thought might be a bullet hole.

Concerns were raised about why anyone with a "normal temperament" would shoot a laptop with a gun. One police official pointed out that even a .22 would not leave a hole but would in fact shatter the screen.

A brief visit was held with the student who had turned in the laptop. He explained that the laptop had been stepped on, resulting in a cracked screen. Knowing that the laptop would need to be replaced, he thought he would finish it off with a bow and arrow, with his friends as an audience.

From the police report: "[He] shot an arrow into the air, it fell to the earth, he knew not where (after it went through his laptop screen). For so swiftly it flew through the night, he could not follow it on its flight (after it exited, but it was recovered)."

The Parking Lot Scribbler strikes

Thursday, Oct. 11. 2:45 p.m.

Vehicles in the University of Wisconsin-Stout Parking Lot 34 were vandalized by an unknown person wielding a white, washable glass marker.

The Parking Lot Scribbler left words and drawings on the surfaces of approximately 25 vehicles, but as yet no witnesses or clues to his or her identity.

The one time you leave it unlocked...

Friday, Oct. 5. 12:15 p.m.

A 30-year-old male student reported his bicycle stolen from outside Applied Arts. The bicycle was a blue GT BMX and was stolen between 7 and 11 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3.

The bicycle had not been locked because the owner had been having trouble with the lock and needed to get to class.



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1	n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #4	\$185	\$185	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	2	1	921 Main Street #2	\$360	\$180	\$500	\$250	Good location, parking, nice sized rooms, porch	4
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1	n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #7	\$195	\$195	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	2	1	115 West Main Street	\$370	\$185	\$490	\$245	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
1	n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #5	\$240	\$240	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	2	1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$375	\$188	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, gas heat, off-street parking	D
1	1	620 9th Avenue	\$240	\$240	n/a	n/a	Nice sized efficiency, close to campus, includes utilities	3	2	1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	\$495	\$248	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice sized rooms, parking	D
1	1	119 West Main Street #1	\$285	\$285	\$360	\$360	Large efficiency, close to campus and downtown	3	2	1	208 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$400	\$200	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good sized rooms, new paint, parking	D
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	\$290	\$290	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG, HW, storage, close to campus, great view	6	2	1	1803 1/2 7th Street	\$400	\$200	\$520	\$260	Nice apartment, new carpet, washer/dryer, parking	D
1	1	702 4th Street	\$295	\$295	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	6	2	1	1415 4th Street West	\$410	\$205	\$620	\$310	Ground level apartment w/ garage, good location	D
1	1	802 6th Avenue #1	\$315	\$315	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	2	1	620 15th Avenue	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	D
1	1	802 6th Avenue #2	\$315	\$315	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	2	1	1506 6th Street	\$420	\$210	\$590	\$295	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	D
1	1	115 1/2 West Main Street	\$320	\$320	\$395	\$395	Nice, large apartment, close to campus and downtown	3	2	1	2121 5th Street #A	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
1	1	802 6th Avenue #3	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	Nice sized efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	2	1	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
1	1	1203 1/2 14th Avenue East	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	Upper duplex, good sized rooms, off-street parking	D	2	1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
1	1	421 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$325	\$325	\$430	\$430	Nice, large apartment, parking, storage, lawn care included	D	2	1	421 13th Avenue West	\$425	\$213	\$545	\$273	Nice apartment w/ hardwood floors, parking, lawn care incl.	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A	2	1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$430	\$215	\$540	\$270	Large apt, hardwood floors, parking, lawn care included	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8	2	1	619 13th Avenue	\$450	\$225	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$345	\$345	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8	2	1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	\$460	\$230	n/a	n/a	Nice sized rooms, great location, WSG, heat & HW included	4
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$350	\$350	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6	2	1	1502 10th Street	\$500	\$250	\$650	\$325	Cute house, new carpet, den, W/D hook-ups, garage	H
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6	2	1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	\$500	\$250	\$660	\$330	Large, nice rooms, very close to campus, great apartment	3
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6	2	1	802 6th Avenue #5	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Great apartment, huge rooms, includes utilities & parking	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #5	\$365	\$365	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & parking, great location	A	2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8	2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW, incl.	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities & parking, private entrance	8	2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #2	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Ground level apt, large rooms, parking, heat, WSG & incl.	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6	2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #5	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Nice, good sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6
1	1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	n/a	n/a	Large, upper duplex with den & parking, great location	D	2	1	147 1/2 Main Street #C	\$620	\$310	n/a	n/a	Large, very nice, new carpet, W/D in bldg, utilities included	A
1	1	1221 7th Street	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Very large & nice, hardwood floors, incl. WSG, heat, parking	4	3	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$480	\$160	\$565	\$188	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
1	1	1520 7th Street	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D	3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street	\$545	\$182	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Efficiency apartment, includes WSG & heat, great location	A	3	1	119 West Main Street #3	\$550	\$183	\$700	\$233	Nice apt, good sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8	3	1	1311 South Broadway	\$555	\$185	\$705	\$235	Nice house, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A	3	1	414 12th Avenue West	\$590	\$197	\$780	\$260	Very nice apt, hard wood floors, garage, lawn care included	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes WSG & parking, very close to campus	A	3	1	2215 5th Street	\$595	\$198	n/a	n/a	Nice upper duplex, good sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes parking, WSG & heat	A	3	1	1312 6th Street	\$600	\$200	n/a	n/a	Nice house, porch, big back yard, parking, close to campus	H
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$415	\$415	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8	3	1	1415 1/2 4th Street West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	Nice apartment, new flooring, washer/dryer, garage	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #1	\$425	\$425	n/a	n/a	Great location w/ parking, includes WSG & heat	A	3	1	208 13th Avenue West.	\$600	\$200	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, gas heat, parking	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	\$435	\$435	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt w/ parking, WSG & heat incl., close to campus	A	3	1	1503 7th Street	\$600	\$200	\$800	\$267	Nice, lower duplex, hardwood floors, new siding, parking	D
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$445	\$445	n/a	n/a	Nice apt w/ private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	6	3	1	921 Main Street #3	\$600	\$200	\$765	\$255	Large apartment, nice sized rooms, parking, good location	4
1	1	421 Wilson Avenue #4	\$445	\$445	n/a	n/a	Nice, good sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6	3	1	814 1/2 10th Street	\$610	\$203	\$750	\$250	Upper duplex, recently remodeled, large rooms, nice place	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #7	\$475	\$475	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt, includes utilities & parking, private entrance	8	3	1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$220	\$880	\$293	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$495	\$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking.	8	3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$695	\$232	n/a	n/a	Nice, 2-story apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
2	1	1506 1/2 6th Street	\$330	\$165	\$430	\$215	Great location, enclosed front porch & built-in storage	D	3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$850	\$283	n/a	n/a	Nice rooms & closets, utilities included, laundry in building	A
2	1	1218 9th Street	\$350	\$175	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex w/ washer & dryer, parking, close to campus	D	4	1	1606 10th Street	\$550	\$138	\$720	\$180	New siding, washer/dryer, off-street parking	H
2	1	119 West Main Street #2	\$360	\$180	\$430	\$215	Close to campus and downtown, basement storage.	3	4	1	1115 14th Avenue	\$600	\$150	\$780	\$195	Large rooms, washer/dryer, screened-in porch, garage	H

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4 1	915 Main Street	\$600	\$150	\$800	\$200	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D	5 2	2006 5th Street #A	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	Nice, large house, good sized rooms, W/D off-street parking	3
4 1	1120 15th Avenue	\$620	\$155	\$770	\$193	Good sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D	5 2	2006 5th Street #B	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
4 1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	\$820	\$205	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H	5 2	2006 5th Street #C	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
4 1	309 14th Avenue West	\$700	\$175	\$900	\$225	Washer/dryer, extra room for storage, parking, good location	H	5 1.5	1115 6th Street	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,180	\$236	Very desirable, washer/dryer, very close to campus	H
4 1	921 Main Street #1	\$740	\$185	\$910	\$228	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4	5 2	1803 7th Street	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,280	\$256	Large house, good location, parking, W/D, 2 huge bedrooms	D
4 2	516 19th Avenue W	\$750	\$188	\$1,000	\$250	Large, split-level, 2 living rooms, washer/dryer, parking+182	D	5 2.5	1502 7th Street	\$1,050	\$210	\$1,275	\$255	Recently remodeled, washer/dryer, porch, large yard	H
4 1	1509 South Broadway	\$750	\$188	n/a	n/a	Large house, nice inside, big rooms, great location, parking	H	5 1.5	1107 2nd Street West	\$1,125	\$225	\$1,325	\$265	Nice sized rooms, good layout, excellent location, W/D	H
4 1	1215 10th Street	\$780	\$195	\$900	\$225	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H	5 2.5	902 Main Street	\$1,125	\$225	\$1,350	\$270	Awesome house! Great location, huge rooms, garage & more	H
4 1	1216 6th Street	\$820	\$205	\$1,000	\$250	Good sized rooms, front porch, parking, across from campus	H	5 2	203 13th Avenue West	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,370	\$274	Big house, 2 kitchens, washer/dryer, excellent location	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	5 2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,375	\$275	Large house, some extras, W/D, parking, excellent location	D
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #2	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	5 2	1208 9th Street	\$1,175	\$235	\$1,425	\$285	Beautiful house, recently remodeled, W/D, dishwasher	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	5 2	321 14th Avenue West	\$1,250	\$250	\$1,475	\$295	Great house, nice rooms, W/D, parking, close to campus	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	5 2	1008 6th Street	\$1,275	\$255	\$1,535	\$307	Fabulous house, large rooms, W/D, garage, close to campus	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	5 2	1708 6th Street #B	\$1,325	\$265	\$1,525	\$305	Fabulous apartment, W/D, big rooms, parking, has everything!	D
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	5 2	1708 6th Street #A	\$1,325	\$265	\$1,525	\$305	Fabulous apartment, W/D, big rooms, parking, has everything!	D
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	6 2	1402 8th Street	\$600	\$100	\$800	\$133	Corner lot, washer/dryer, off-street parking, full basement	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8	6 2	504 10th Street	\$900	\$150	\$1,180	\$197	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
4 2	1319 8th Street	\$825	\$206	\$1,025	\$256	Nice, good sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H	6 2	1603 7th Street	\$1,000	\$167	n/a	n/a	Great house, gas fireplace, washer/dryer, corner lot	H
4 1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice sized rooms, washer/dryer	H	6 2	415 13th Avenue West	\$1,050	\$175	\$1,300	\$217	Modern house, large bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
4 2	1620 6th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	Great house, nice sized rooms, washer/dryer, garage	H	6 2	1602 8th Street	\$1,100	\$183	\$1,300	\$217	Nice house, good location, nice rooms, washer/dryer	H
4 2	1415 8th Street East	\$860	\$215	\$1,110	\$278	Nice house, recently upgraded, W/D, lots of parking	D	6 2	1415 1/2 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,480	\$247	Fabulous apt, W/D, large, nice rooms, lots of parking & more	D
4 2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,195	\$299	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D	6 2	321 20th Avenue #A	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D parking, storage	4
4 1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	Large apt, good sized rooms, W/D, parking, great location	D	6 2	321 20th Avenue #B	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D parking, storage	4
4 1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D	6 2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D parking, storage	4
4 2	1702 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,100	\$275	Spacious house, huge rooms, den, W/D, off-street parking	H	6 2	321 20th Avenue #D	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D parking, storage	4
4 1	2235 South Broadway	\$920	\$230	\$1,120	\$280	Great house, good sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H	6 2	602 1/2 12th Avenue	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,460	\$243	Huge, newer addition, very nice, W/D, off-street parking	D
4 1	1114 7th Street	\$950	\$238	\$1,150	\$288	Nice house, front porch, garage, washer/dryer, nice yard	H	6 2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,450	\$242	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
4 2	1301 9th Street	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Beautiful house, remodeled, W/D, garage, porch & deck	H	6 2	1714 8th Street	\$1,230	\$205	\$1,480	\$247	Spacious house, new paint, big deck, garage, pool table	H
4 2	602 12th Avenue East	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Large bedrooms, washer/dryer, close to campus, parking	D	6 2	115 1/2 17th Avenue West	\$1,250	\$208	\$1,500	\$250	Nice, newer apt, great location, washer/dryer & garage	D
4 1.5	1615 7th St	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Nice house, great location, deck, washer/dryer, garage	H	6 2	121 1/2 13th Avenue West	\$1,260	\$210	\$1,540	\$257	Nice, newer apt, fantastic location, W/D, off-street parking	D
4 2	400 18th Avenue	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Cute house, nice deck, big corner lot, washer/dryer, garages	H	6 2	513 9th Avenue East	\$1,280	\$213	\$1,560	\$260	Nice, big house, W/D, desirable location behind Home Ec Bldg	H
4 2	1317 8th Street	\$1,040	\$260	\$1,240	\$310	Great house, den, W/D, carport, deck, good location	H	6 2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,350	\$225	\$1,590	\$265	Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom, W/D, great house	H
4 2	332 1/2 Main Street	\$1,050	\$263	\$1,250	\$313	Huge! Fantastic apt, washer/dryer, deck, car port/parking	H	6 2	921 8th Street	\$1,350	\$225	\$1,630	\$272	Great house, large rooms, W/D, new kitchen floor, corner lot	H
4 2	1021 8th Street	\$1,100	\$275	\$1,300	\$325	Great house, nice rooms, W/D, screened porch, big deck	H	6 2.5	802 12th Avenue	\$1,375	\$229	\$1,630	\$272	Very nice house, remodeled, W/D, rec. room, garage & more	H
5 1	1120 1/2 15th Avenue	\$660	\$132	\$840	\$168	Very large rooms, washer/dryer, nice yard, parking	D	7 2	220 12th Avenue West	\$1,085	\$155	\$1,310	\$187	Big house, 2 living rooms, W/D, parking, excellent location	H
5 1.5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, lots of parking	H	7 2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,225	\$175	\$1,485	\$212	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
5 2	512 19th Avenue West	\$750	\$150	\$1,000	\$200	Large, split-level, 2 living rooms, off-street parking, storage	D	7 2	820 11th Street	\$1,600	\$229	\$1,900	\$271	Awesome house! Newly remodeled, huge, W/D, basement	H
5 2	1115 17th Avenue	\$800	\$160	\$1,010	\$202	Great house, complete remodel, large rooms, washer/dryer	H	7 3	1102 10th Street	\$1,600	\$229	\$1,870	\$267	Nice, big house, good sized rooms, W/D, 2-car garage	H
5 1	1320 6th Street	\$825	\$165	\$1,045	\$209	Spacious house, W/D, breezeway, garage, close to campus	H	7 3	819 7th Street	\$1,610	\$230	\$1,835	\$262	Fabulous house, washer/dryer, big corner lot, 2-car garage	H
5 2	405 20th Avenue	\$900	\$180	\$1,080	\$216	Nice, modern house, washer/dryer, attached garage	H	8 3	1421 South Broadway	\$1,840	\$230	\$2,100	\$263	Great house! Big rooms, W/D, across from stadium, garage	H
5 2	1521 8th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,145	\$229	Nice sized rooms, new paint, W/D, big yard, good location	H	10 3	1609 6th Street	\$1,600	\$160	\$1,900	\$190	Recently remodeled, 2 living rooms, good location, parking	H
5 2	1403 6th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,180	\$236	Huge rooms, front porch, lots of parking, close to campus	H								
5 2	2303 3rd Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,100	\$220	Big house, washer/dryer, fenced yard, garage	H								
5 2	814 10th Street	\$910	\$182	\$1,090	\$218	Nice house! Recently remodeled, W/D, many upgrades	D								
5 2	607 13th Avenue East	\$950	\$190	\$1,150	\$230	Great location, nice house, new paint, W/D, parking	H								

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CROP Walk, Rock & Roll; Where's the party?



Robert Lindberg/Stoutonia

CROP Walkers braved the wind and rain to follow their bicycle leaders out of the First Congressional Church parking lot. The CROP was held to raise money to overcome poverty in Menomonie, as well as all over the world.

Robert Lindberg
Staff Writer

With its goofy name and its great cause, the CROP Walk, Rock and Roll was the place to be on a cold and rainy Sunday.

One hundred thirty people braved the cold to participate in the CROP Walk, Rock and Roll on Sunday, Oct. 14 at the First Congregational Church in Menomonie, Wis. The CROP Walk is a nationwide money-raising event put on by many different organizations. The CROP organization is Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.

The CROP Walk consisted of four fund raising events. Participants could join in a one-mile parade, six-mile walking route, bicycle a 10 mile route or rock a rocking chair for one hour. People did not have to participate in all four events to help.

The event took place at 1:30 p.m. on 420 Wilson Ave. in Menomonie. The bicyclists

led the way. Free colorful CROP Walk T-shirts were given to the first 30 participants.

Walking was the most popular of the four events, both in the parade and in the six-mile walk. The parade was a march of people rather than one with floats and candy throwers.

The walking route started on ninth Avenue. From there, the parade would make what looks like a mile square around the local streets.

Pat Schiappa is participating in Menomonie's CROP walk for the first time. Schiappa is a first year non-traditional University of Wisconsin-Stout student seeking a degree in communications. He is also a member of the First Congregational Church and estimates that the church itself has risen about \$1100. Having raised over \$100, Schiappa is walking six miles. When asked if he was concerned about being outside in the rain Schiappa said, "I am not going to melt."

The first-ever CROP Walks took place in the late 1960s. Over the decades since, more than five million walkers have raised millions to fight hunger. Menomonie's goal this year was to raise \$14,000. Twenty-five percent of these funds will go to the Interfaith Food Pantry of Dunn County, while 75 percent will go to other relief and hunger prevention projects throughout the United States and the world.

Lana Anderson, the Interfaith Food Pantry Coordinator, walked and said, "I'm thrilled with the great turnout for the CROP Walk, and I'm impressed with all the community involvement in support of ending hunger."

According to the 2004 United States Department of Agriculture Report, "Household Food Security in the United States," 38.2 million Americans live in households that suffer directly from hunger and food insecurity, including nearly 14 million

children. Worldwide, more than 850 million people are chronically hungry.

"Hunger is increasing in Dunn County" said Gloria Snyder, a local community member. According to the University of Wisconsin-Extension, 1 out of 8 people in Dunn County live in poverty. After retiring from her local bowling business, Snyder decided to help the community in any way she could. "The community was so good to me, I decided I wanted to give back," said Snyder. Out of the \$9,264.47 that last year's CROP walk raised, \$2,316.12 went back to the community.

Julie McNaughton is this year's event organizer. No stranger to the CROP walk, McNaughton has been participating for 24 years. When asked what the best part of the CROP Walk is, McNaughton said, "Seeing enthusiastic people willing to help other people overcome hunger."

Together, Bruce Sieben and Ann Anderson raised almost \$600. This is their first time as participants in the CROP Walk, but they have spent time volunteering in other ways in the past. Bruce says, "We want to help any way we can."

Anyone who hasn't had a chance to pledge and still would like to donate may send their donation to: CROP/Church World Service, Treasurer Rose Studebaker, 1320 12th Ave., #2, Menomonie, WI 54751

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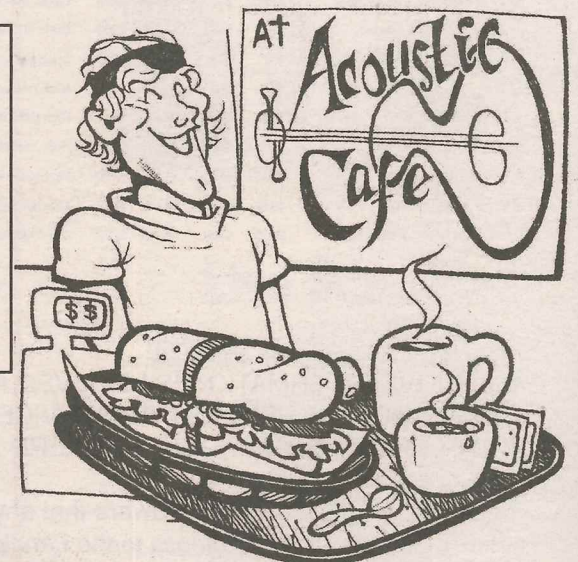
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UW Stout Library receives name change

Guest writer and Stoutonia staff

On Friday Oct. 5, 2007 the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents decided to approve a name change for the campus library. The new name will be the Robert S. Swanson Learning Center, named after retired chancellor Swanson.

At their meeting at UW-River Falls, the regents approved a proposal from Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen that the Library Learning Center's name be changed to the Robert S. Swanson Learning Center.

Kevin Thorie, local historian and librarian explains the process, "The current chancel-

lor went to the honors committee and asked for a building to name after Chancellor Swanson. There were a lot of buildings built around that time and the chancellor was given a list of the buildings that could be named after him. He chose the library because Chancellor Swanson was the one who had the library built."

"He went to Madison, Wis. requesting \$3 million to build an addition to the existing library. When he returned he had received a commitment to build a \$7 million new building, funding for the renovation of the old library building into a vocational rehabilitation center and \$235,000 for a new LLC computer system that replaced Stout as the leader in technology in the UW-System." says Thorie.

Chancellor Sorensen said naming the library after Swanson is appropriate because "He dedicated his life to UW-Stout, to furthering the educational quality of the region and state." Swanson continued, "The learning center is more than a symbol of the university—it is the very soul of the university. It is an honor to recognize Bob Swanson in this manner."

Having the library built was definitely not Swanson's only accomplishment. In 1973 he created the mission statement for the university. Also in 1973 Swanson placed greater emphasis on international teaching and students. He made agreements with schools in Taiwan, Wales, and other countries.

Swanson served as chancellor from 1972-1988, but that was just one part of his long affiliation with the university. He began his studies at the Stout Institute in 1942, served in the U.S. Army in World War II and returned to the university in 1946. He taught during his junior and senior years and while pursuing his master's degree. In 1950 he became a full-time faculty member, teaching general shop. He eventually earned his doctorate at the University of Minnesota.

When asked what kind of chancellor and man Swanson was Thorie said, "He's the most decent human being I've ever met." A ceremony honoring Swanson and celebrating the new name of the learning center will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the learning center.



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Lots of library locations

There have been five library locations in the history of Stout. The first one was housed in the "Old Yellow Lodge" on the site of what is now Harvey Hall. There were 600 library books when the library opened. Then it moved to the Gymnasium-Natatorium Building from 1914 to 1916 while Harvey Hall was being built.

It then was moved to the West side of Harvey Hall. On March 9, 1954 it was moved by the students to the Robert L. Pierce Library, which is now the Vocational Rehabilitation building.



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Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

Besides the posters and rainbow pins at your hall's front desk, many of us may not know that October is LGBT Awareness Month. LGBT and a Q stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and question.

Oct. 11 is National Coming Out Day, and the University of Wisconsin-Stout celebrated by having a "Be Safe Face" campaign where students, faculty and members of the community could sign a pledge to be a "Safe Face." Those who signed agreed to be an ally for the homosexual community and received a button and a small tip card listing ways to be an ally for the LGBT.

Coming Out Day was founded on Oct. 11, 1988, a year after the first gay march in Washington D.C. The UW-Stout participated this year in their own way. Beginning at the Ally Center in the Memorial Student Center, the participants walked through campus to the clock tower behind a "Safe Face" banner, holding a color of the rainbow balloon. As the clock struck noon, Chancellor Sorensen spoke on how our campus is "too divided," and that, "we all share a common bond, doesn't matter sexuality, we are all common human beings... we all share common desires." The balloons were then released

to symbolize the many different faces in the community, and to spread the word that all people are accepted.

Dr. Susan Wolfgram, an ally for this community for over 30 years and a human development and family studies teacher, agrees with the Chancellor. "Regardless of how different any human being is from another, once you get to know someone, those differences melt away."

The focus this year, according to Scott Griesbach, the Director of Housing, is on the allies of the LGBT. "There's a process for a straight ally to be confident to support the LGBT people, they are often labeled as gay, too." Allies are fundamental to change society. "In every human rights movement, it's the majority population that creates the biggest change, because the majority listens to them," says Wolfgram. "It's unfortunate that the LGBT population is harassed, but so are the supporters," adds Griesbach.

Katie Johnson, a senior in the industrial design program believes, "It's important on campus, where the LGBT population is a quiet voice and minority, to have ally support. A lot of people say that they're allies, but don't understand what it means." In our conservative campus, a lot of people give what Katie describes as "conditional support." Matt Swanson, a fifth year R.A. for South Hall,



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

Students parade around campus as part of the Be A Safe Face Campaign and National Coming Out Day.

agrees that "Passive harassment is offensive, and just unintelligent."

But not all reactions are negative. A display case in the Commons holds pictures of famous gay actors and actresses. "I saw groups of students walk up...look at the pictures...say, 'Wow, I had no idea they were gay,'...and just keep walking." Griesbach states this as another example of Wolfgram's idea that "once a person can familiarize with

a gay person, they become a human being." Bethany Nelson, a fifth year human development and family science student, sees this as a personal issue because she has a gay cousin. "I am trying to get involved as an ally in the LGBT community," said Nelson.

We don't all have to jump to sign the pledge, walk in the march and join the ally program at UW-Stout, but caring about the people around us; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and straight, is important. As Wolfgram noted, "If you look at one of your friends, you see them as your friend instead of a label, your judgments change, you reevaluate how you feel about people and your views change."

The pledge can still be signed through the month of October in the lobby of the University Housing Office, in the Merle Price Commons building. There will be events to raise LGBT awareness throughout the month.

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Coming LGBT Events in October

Thursday, October 18:

Hit by a Farm, a conversation with author Catherine Friend. 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Ally Center, MSC.

Tuesday, October 23:

Up Close and Personal, Melissa Smith-Tourville and Family. 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Ally Center, MSC.

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- be willing to talk
- recognize when they need to refer an individual elsewhere
- confront their own prejudice
- join others with a common purpose
- develop a culture free of homophobia
- believe that all people should be treated with dignity & respect

No longer a game but an entertaining carnival...

Chris Moellering

Staff Writer

Every Sunday, I sit in front of my TV and try to figure out what happened to football. Seriously, what happened to this sport? Everything that made football great, the hitting, the determination, the glory, all seems to be gone, and replaced by nothing more than a not-so-entertaining carnival.

For the most part, it is not football's fault. Behind the media circus, somewhere the game remains as it once was, but it's hard to see past all the glamour and glitter and endless hype.

For those of us who just want to watch football to see oversized giants beating the daylights out of each other just to prove they are faster, stronger and have more heart than their opponent, it is quite frustrating. We don't want to see fireworks, confetti and cannon fire. We want a running back breaking an 80 yard run to be our fireworks, a one-handed catch in the back of the end zone to be our confetti and a mid-air collision to be our cannon fire.

Football has become so watered down that we have a better chance seeing raw energy by watching golf. At least fireworks don't blast off when Tiger Woods sinks a putt.

My disappointment with football has been growing stronger every year and this year it has finally pushed me over the edge. My anger started with the Vikings' season

opener this year, which was a game between the defending Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts and last year's surprise team the New Orleans Saints. To tell the truth, I was so angry before the game that I didn't even bother watching. There was a two hour pre-game show, which could have been mistaken for a New Year's Eve celebration. There were fireworks and dancers and every type of entertainment imaginable. The best part was the musical performers, Faith Hill and Kelly Clarkson. I don't know about anyone else, but when I think of football, oh yeah, I think Faith Hill and Kelly Clarkson. Nothing gets people pumped up for football like watching pretty girls sing about love. All that hype, all that build up, for a game that was a 41-10 blowout.

It's not just the entertainment that bugs me though. The sport has gone soft. If a quarterback is hit too hard it's a penalty. If a receiver is hit while being unprotected, it's a penalty. If a guy hits someone with his helmet, it's a penalty. Everything leads to a penalty, which leads to another one of my complaints: the referees. Sure, there has always been a general dislike for referees, but they play such a big part in the outcome of games now that it has really become their sport. It's like they throw a flag on every play just so they can be seen. There probably aren't even any penalties. They just throw the flag then get together and try to figure out what they should call this time, and it seems "holding" is the default call for anytime they

can't think of anything.

Before, the team that played the best would more than likely win the game, but now it's who ever the referees screw over the least that is the victor. Referees even get second chances with instant replays and they still get calls wrong. So much depends on the idiots that are refereeing the game that it isn't even fun to watch. A guy takes a kickoff ninety-nine yards for a touchdown, but the refs decided throw a flag for a penalty that could be called on every play. It takes a lot of excitement out of the game. I find myself rooting for the refs instead of my team, because they are the ones that can bring me victory.

The game is in there somewhere, and fans can enjoy it if they can stay awake during the commercial breaks that take place after every other play. There should be a rule that if there is going to be an hour and a half of commercials during a game, they should at least play different commercials. No one wants to watch a truck they can't afford stop an airplane fifty times during a football game, and no one cares about cell phones enough to watch the same commercials over and over. The only time commercials are acceptable is during the Super Bowl, but that becomes something interesting in itself. There is something wrong when the commercials are more exciting than the game.

Also, announcers are so horrible that it makes me want to watch the game on mute and shove a fork in my ear so I will never

have to hear again. Announcers are supposed to be impartial, but they're so obviously not. In fact, I do believe John Madden has a slight crush on Brett Favre. Speaking of Brett Favre, I don't know how many people watched him break the all-time touchdown record, but did they really need to interrupt the game and have Dan Marino come on the big screen in the Metrodome and give a speech about how much he loved Brett? I found it a bit feminine for football.

Speaking of feminine, it just so happens the NFL celebrated breast cancer awareness this week. Sure, breast cancer is serious and it deserves awareness, but does it really belong in football? And, does Brett Favre's wife, a breast cancer survivor, really need to be an honorary captain of a football team?

Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe football is just fine, but I remember a time when the game is what mattered most. There was no glamour, no fireworks and the only entertainment came from the players. The players were mean and nasty, and they hit each other without fear of penalties. The games weren't for the commentators, the old guys in the booths that couldn't hack it when they played. The games were for the players, and because of that the fans got their money's worth. Maybe it's still like that, and I just can't see it, because I'm stuck watching the Vikings lose every week. Nevertheless, a bad day watching the Vikings lose is still better than any day watching the Packers win.

A thought provoking, philosophical discussion with Jonna Gjevre

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It was a balmy, cool, windy and cloudy day. We walked around campus looking for inspiration. We wanted to interview an exciting person who didn't smoke, gamble, like to make left turns or own a TV. It took us hours, perhaps days, time went by without notice. Finally, we found ourselves in the tropical sanctuary that was the office of Jonna Gjevre, an English professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. In this terrarium of an office, we found Ms. Gjevre hiding in a thicket of what appeared to be Siberian Pecker Brush, but turned out to be some lame cactus. The soft reflection of the greenery around her created an atmosphere that made her diploma visually pop.

We interviewed Ms. Gjevre, asking her questions of no great importance or depth. Of course, the first question was, "Are you a fan of cats?" She was. In fact, she has three. That's three times as much fuzzy fun as one. The names of her cats, or at least two of them, are from the Lord of the Rings series. She's a

fan. In fact, they are her favorite books. She even met Gandalf: yes the real Gandalf. She does not speak Elfish, but envies people who can. Of course, only true gangsters can speak Elfish, and she would one day like to become gangster enough to speak it.

Like all true gangsters, or gangsters in training, Ms. Gjevre likes to drink wine from her pimp chalice, though she isn't a fan of vodka-infused Kool-Aid. When asked when the War of 1812 was fought, Ms. Gjevre stared blankly, almost autistically, and replied, "I don't know." This shocking display of ignorance was truly remarkable. Such an answer could only be given by a true genius in the ways of philosophy and logic. In fact, she is quite the philosopher. When asked, "Who is your favorite professional baseball player?" she replied simply, "Are there any professional baseball players?" And that's the type of person she is: someone who cannot give a straight answer.

Ms. Gjevre likes the clock tower outside her pimpin' office because she does not wear a watch or own a sundial. Her favorite color ink is purple because she claims it stands out well from black in making corrections, but isn't as intimidating as red. And so, she is part psychologist as well. Though Ms.

Gjevre doesn't like unnecessary suffering, she claimed she would not kick a donkey in the face until dead if it ensured world peace. She says, "World peace would be ensured in every heart but my own." In a related question, when asked who her least favorite coworker was, under her breath, she uttered a name (it sounded like Gjevre), but upon our asking, instead said something about assassins and working alone.

When asked if she likes Amanda Katz, she said, after a moment of thought, "Yes." After a quick reminder of who Ms. Katz is, she said, "OK." She then added, "I love her work with the editing of the Stoutonia." Earlier she had stated, "I haven't read the Stoutonia this semester yet."

Currently, she is trying to raise awareness for her upcoming Modern British Literature class, Literature 350. This class provides three credits in Humanities, Literature and Global Perspectives. E-mail her if interested, it is sure to be completely gangster because that's just the way she teaches.

When asked, "Is your favorite class of all time, last semester's Advanced Rhetoric class," she replied, "I cannot say which classes are my favorite or least favorite." Then, in a barely perceptible whisper, she said, "Yes."

In conclusion, Ms. Gjevre is a hidden gem of, not only a professor, but a human being. If ever any readers of this article have the opportunity to take a class from her, do so because her classes are awesome. She is such a fan of UW-Stout and teaching here, she is going to Scotland to teach next year. She is always sacrificing herself for people in poor countries like Scotland. She is a true humanitarian.

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zombie socrates

Hey, kids, it's me: *Zombie Socrates*. I'm back from the dead and in Menomonee for the time being, so I thought I could do my part for society by giving advice to you young whippersnappers and answer any questions you might have about the meaning of life, truth, justice, girlfriend/boyfriend squabbles or anything in between. The shop is open, so ask away!

Dear *Zombie Socrates*,
Why aren't you helping out a bigger newspaper if you're so famous?
-Arrogant citizen

Dear *Arrogant citizen*:
Actually the *Stoutonia* was about the only place that would hire me, believe it or not. I had a job interview lined up for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, but when I showed up everybody freaked out and started running around screaming. I mean, I know I'm not exactly handsome (or technically alive) but geez. So I figured I would start out for a

smaller newspaper to get my face out there in the journalism community. I applied for the *Stoutonia* job opening and got it. (I did put a mask on for my interview, though.)

Dear *Zombie Socrates*,
What are your thoughts on global warming? Is it a natural occurrence?
-Concerned citizen

Dear *Concerned citizen*:
Are you implying that we, as humans, have somehow changed the temperature of this planet? Do you honestly believe that we, as mere pathetic life forms, could somehow affect this planet at all? No, we have not affected Earth in the least bit. As far as the planet goes, nature needs to listen to us. We are the masters; we control what happens on this planet, and nothing else. If Mother Nature doesn't like global warming, she will have to suck it up and deal with it. I don't care what those so-called liberals say, using "facts" and things like that.

Dear *Zombie Socrates*,
I know you're sort of a "monster" expert, so I was wondering if you could enlighten me on how to avoid them.
-Scared student

Dear *Scared student*:
Are you afraid of something? Do you have some kind of story you would like to share? Anyway, the best way to avoid monsters is to avoid dark areas, never ever go out in a full moon, stay away from portals of hell and overall just use common sense. For example, if you see a monster, don't spend five minutes screaming like actors do in movies. Just run.

Dear *Zombie Socrates*,
I heard the video game *Doom* was based on true events. Is this true?
-Gamer

Dear *Gamer*:
Wow. What a question. The answer I am about to give could get me in trouble with the government, but oh well. What can they really do to me? The video game *Doom*, for those of you who don't know, was about a marine who was trapped on Mars. The catch? About a million demons from hell were on the moon with him. The game claimed that the United States was experimenting with dangerous objects and somehow caused a portal of hell to open. The game is fairly accurate, save for a few minor details. In 1960, Russia actu-

ally landed on Mars and experimented with a couple of "questionable" objects that they found up there. Pretty soon the Mars base was flooded with demons. A band of five marines stopped the demonic invasion and restored peace to the planet. Of course, Russia hushed that up. So what are the odds that a video game company would create a game that parallels real life so closely? That is one question I do not have the answer to. And gamer, I would sure like to know where you get your information from.

If you have any questions you would like to ask me, simply send them to stoutonia@uwstout.edu, and be sure to include *Zombie Socrates* in the subject header!

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State budget impasse

Charles W. Sorensen
Chancellor
University of Wisconsin-Stout

The state budget impasse is a planning nightmare for University of Wisconsin System institutions. With the defeat Monday of the 2007-2009 budget compromise, a single question must be asked: What now?

I represent a campus well known for its practical, applied professional programs, its commitment to assisting regional companies with an excellent technology transfer program and its commitment to serve the citizens of Wisconsin.

At University of Wisconsin-Stout, we have a refined, sophisticated planning process-- and recognized so by winning the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 2001. Yet, it is difficult to plan intelligently without a budget, and the responsibility of our elected officials is to pass a budget so we can continue to serve this fine state.

To be very honest, the lack of a budget puts us in a hole. We need clear ground rules, and that is precisely what a budget provides.

I have been asked by faculty, staff and students alike, what the impact of not having a budget is. The answer is very unclear.

What is clear is the damage that may be done to our future. Students may not be able to continue their education without support from the Wisconsin Higher Education Grants,

and currently these students are victims of the budget impasse.

Academic programs and program development are the engines that drive every university. The budget deadlock restricts the development of programs so critical to our future and crucial to attracting companies with high-paying jobs.

We must replace our retiring faculty with the very best in the field, but the budget impasse has created an environment that is not attractive to bright, young new faculty.

Wisconsin has an excellent university system, and I represent an outstanding university. We want to serve this state by providing superior programs and exceptional graduates-- men and women who will become part of a vibrant, growing economy.

We have done exactly that for the past decade or more in spite of repeated budget cuts or lapses. UW-Stout serves nearly 8,500 students; we graduate about 1,400 annually, and 97 percent get jobs within six months after graduation. But we must plan to reduce UW-Stout's budget from between \$1 million and \$6 million dollars, which certainly will make it difficult to continue this success.

What's next? The legislature must pass a budget that supports the state's most important asset: the University of Wisconsin System.



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"Help Wanted" cultural diversity on stage

Elena Griggs
Staff Writer

Imagine that you grew up in an impoverished community with no job prospects or future. Every day for you is a struggle and your family is constantly worried about whether or not they will be able to put food on the table for themselves as well as your sisters and brothers. This life might be your worst nightmare, and for the Albino sisters from Guerrero Mexico, this nightmare was an everyday reality.

If you had such a life, would you continue living in that impoverished environment or would you fight to take whatever measures necessary in order to help make a better life for yourself and your family? Chances are that you would probably choose the same course of action as the Albino sisters and say, "yes" to the latter question.

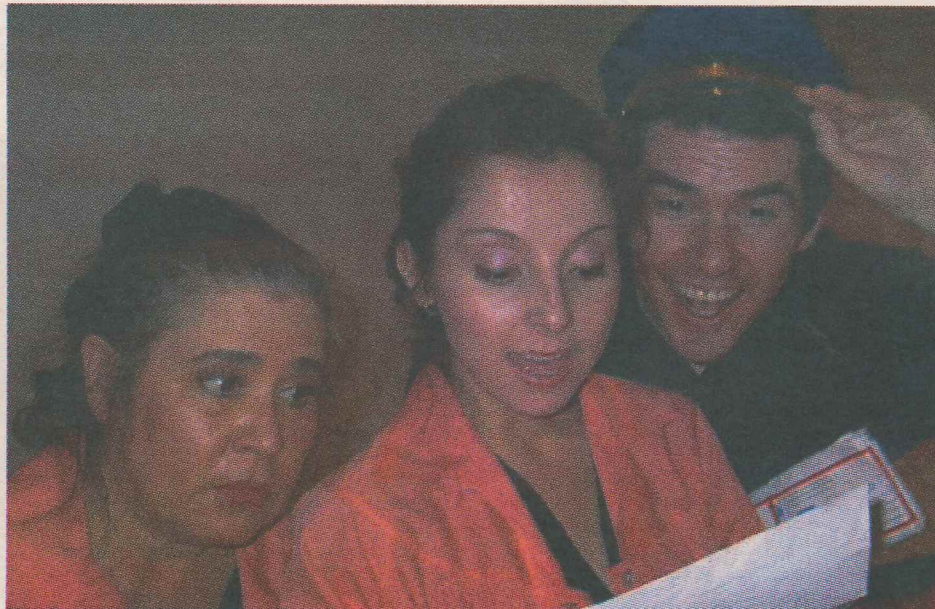
These sisters, having realized that they had no future in Mexico, took a great leap of faith and paid a Coyote (boarder bandit) everything they had to transport them across the border undetected. The dramatic story of these sisters and their struggle to live in the United States is the basis of an educational and interactive play being performed on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus called "Help Wanted."

This somewhat controversial play, which tackles immigration issues, will be performed on October 17 at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center.

"Help Wanted" is a play that addresses controversial issues surrounding today's immigration laws in the U.S.

What makes this play so interesting is that it focuses on Latino minorities, highlighting their culture, beliefs and traditions. It also opens a window into how most Latinos perceive Minnesotans, poking fun at quirky Minnesotan sayings and character traits.

The fact that this play is based entirely off of the story of the Albino Sisters



Contributed Photo

Joy Chavarria, John Stillwell and Silvia Pontaza, actors in the play "Help Wanted," confront the hardships that minorities must endure trying to enter the American workforce.

who were working in Minneapolis as illegal immigrants draws issues concerning immigration closer to home. The Albino sisters and other illegal immigrants who worked for the Holiday Inn Express in Minneapolis, were deported after having tried to join the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union (HERE).

Now that we are in the middle of an election season, one main thing everyone wants to know about is how politicians stand on immigration issues. Overall, the flaws in immigration policies and continual border control problems have been issues of main concern for many Americans, and a cause for heated debate among some of the most powerful and influential politicians.

"I'm hoping that this performance will encourage students to engage in open discussions about the problems surrounding immigration and teach people to be more tolerant and respectful of other ethnic groups," said Sheila Regan, the Educational Coordinator for Teatro del Pueblo. Teatro de Pueblo is the theatre company producing "Help Wanted."

One of the main reasons Teatro del Pueblo decided to produce this play was in part because they have the strong desire to raise issues affecting the Latino community. Teatro del Pueblo is a non-profit Latino theater company from St. Paul, Minn. that produces Latino inspired play productions, which help to promote, preserve and support Latino culture. It is considered to be the one and only company in the mid-west that specializes in producing educational plays based on Latino culture.

This play, which has been performed on many college campuses throughout the mid-west, is an excellent way of learning more about Latino culture and issues surrounding immigration.

Writer/director Virginia McFerran tried to stick as closely as possible to the true story of the Albino sisters. However, some aspects of

the performance are slightly dramatized. Once news reports surfaced in 1999 about the Albino sisters fight to join the union group H.E.R.E. and their lawsuit with the Holiday Inn Express, McFerran said that she quickly began doing research on the Albino sisters in hopes of creating both an influential and dramatic play that would raise questions about the government's current immigration policies. In order to capture the true perspective and feelings of the Albino sisters, McFerran went to the point of conducting an interview with the sisters, which was entirely in Spanish.

In addition to reading numerous articles about the Albino sisters and their fight to continue living in the United States, she also interviewed the priest who helped support the Albino sisters through their struggles as well as other illegal immigrants.

McFerran, who has very strong feeling about issues concerning immigration, believes that there are many flaws within our government and the business sector that feed problems concerning illegal immigration. As we talked about the unfair treatment and abuse that many of today's illegal immigrants face McFerran said, "The bottom line is that people are people, and whoever you are, you should be treated with decency and respect." Unfortunately, many undocumented workers, as in the case of the Albino sisters, are disrespected by employers and stripped of their rights as workers.

When I asked her about what she hoped students would get out of this play she said, "Anyone who sees this play should start thinking more about how to create alternative ways of handling the problems surrounding immigration, and have more discussions with their peers about this important issue."

The format of this play is also especially unique because the theater company uses Chicano theater techniques, where a small cast of characters play multiple roles through the use

of various masks and costume changes. Another interesting aspect of this play is that it is meant to be interactive, where questions are posed to the audience in an effort to get people actively thinking about the main concepts and ideas interwoven in the play.

Throughout the play, the actors are also known to jump off the stage and wildly run out into the audience in order to make viewers feel as though they are a greater part of the performance. Audience members also play an influential role as judges, ultimately deciding the fate of the Albino sisters.

While talking with McFerran about whether or not she was happy with the general outcome of the play she said, "This story was a wonderful way for me to be able to illustrate the harsh reality surrounding illegal immigrants in the U.S. and raise questions about the inherent flaws in our government concerning this problem."

When I asked McFerran if there was a specific message that she wanted students to grasp she said, "Students should start following key issues such as immigration and work with each other in becoming more actively involved in helping to change policies surrounding immigration laws."

Jorge Saaverda, one of the attorneys for the Albino sisters, echoes McFerran's message by saying, "This event is a reminder that the most powerful voice does not come from any one individual, but from the people united together."

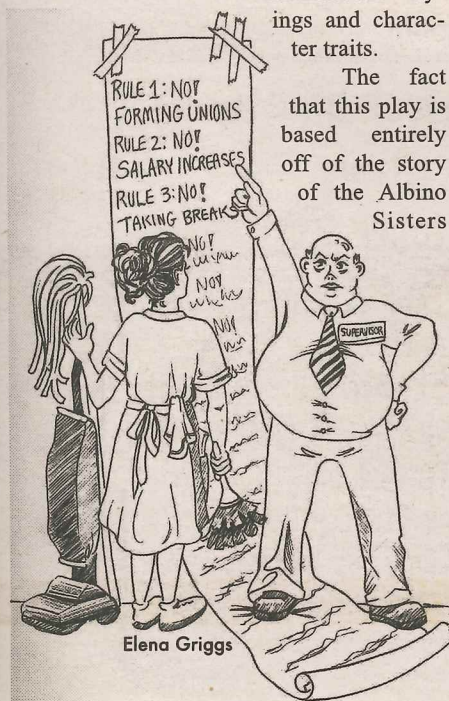
Although many people believe that it is fair and just for the Immigration and Naturalization Service to storm into meat packing plants, hotel chains, etc., and arrest illegal immigrants, there is a steadily growing number of people who believe otherwise.

It is worth considering that many illegal immigrants that live in the United States today, traveled here because they had no other options. Mainly because they were leading impoverished lives with no job prospects in their former countries.

The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, which is a voluntary federation that is composed of over 55 national and international labor unions, has found that there are an estimated 6 million undocumented workers currently living in the United States.

It also may come as a surprise that deporting a worker costs the local economy at least \$20,590 per year in industrial output and 10,350 in wage-based spending according to a study conducted by bank market researcher James Kielkopf. Whether we like to admit it or not, most undocumented workers who are toiling away in low paying industries are helping to make our economy thrive.

In order to gain greater insight into the issues that Latino groups face relating to immigration as well as a deeper understanding of Latino culture, seeing the play "Help Wanted" is well worth one's time.



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- Why We Fight, Applied Arts
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- The O'Neill Brothers, Mable Tainter
Theatre, 3pm \$20

Oct 25, '07:

- Irie Sol, Waterfront Bar & Grill
9pm FREE

Oct 26, '07:

- Mauvais, Mable Tainter Theater
7:30pm \$6

Oct 27, '07:

- "Gales of November" Mable Tainter
Theater 8pm \$22
- Last Menomonie Farmers Market of
the Season, Wilson Park 7am-noon
- Oddball Protocol, et. al, Waterfront
9pm FREE
- Lower Class Citizens + The Disabled
Mr. Heavy's 11pm FREE

CD Releases

Oct 23, '07 (Tuesday):

- Coheed and Cambria: No World for
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- Say Anything: In Defense of the Genre
- Ween: La Cucaracha

Oct 30, '07 (Tuesday):

- Backstreet Boys: Unbreakable
- Duran Duran: Red Carpet Massacre

DVD Releases

Oct 23, '07:

- Saw 3 (R)
- Meet The Robinsons (G)

Oct 30, '07:

- Spider-Man 3 (PG-13)
- License To Wed (PG-13)
- Daywatch (Un-Rated)
- Captivity (Un-Rated)

Movie Releases

Oct 19, '07:

- 30 Days of Night (R)
- The Comebacks (PG-13)

Oct 26, '07:

- Dan in Real Life (PG-13)
- Saw 4 (R)

Mabel Tainter Theater opens its doors



Evan Theurer/Stoutonia

The Mable Tainter Theater, built in 1889, is celebrating its grand re-opening this month after being closed for renovations and reconstruction all summer. The new Mabel Tainter Theater now features handicap-accessible entrances, a parking lot, and an annex that will serve as the new main entrance. October kicked off with the second annual BBQ & Blues Festival in the parking lot of the theater on Sunday, Oct. 7 with live music from The Cutaways and the Sue Orfield Band. The theater will officially reopen on Oct. 20 with the Emmy-nominated O'Neill Brothers' show, who have written and performed music for HBO shows like "Sex and the City." Located near campus on Main Street in historic downtown Menomonie, the Mabel Tainter's performing arts season runs from October through May.

Calling all amateur comedians: you now have a stage

Tony Spencer
Staff Writer

They say that laughter is the best medicine, in which case the University of Wisconsin-Stout has been medically deficient for some time. Granted, there have been a decent amount of comics that have graced us with their presence over the years, but there remains a notable absence of steady comedic input. There is one man on campus, however, with a prescription for change.

Jacob Sandstrom, a freshman majoring in studio art, is a comedic pioneer of sorts, looking to start a comedy club on campus. As a freshman, Jake came to campus looking for a way to get involved. Much to his dismay Jacob couldn't find any clubs of in-

terest. Instead of getting discouraged, Jake took an entrepreneurial approach and took the steps to start a new club.

"I've always been into comedy," said Sandstrom. Comedy was a natural choice for Jacob; in his sophomore year he joined the comedy club at his high school. By senior year he was president of the ten-member club. The new club he's looking to start would feature mostly improv and skit comedy, though he personally is working on stand-up material. He is also open to suggestions and ideas from anyone who joins as far as content and format are concerned.

The new club on campus requires no prior comedy experience from its members, though it couldn't hurt. Comic newbies are encouraged to join and can expect coaching and

some training in different styles of comedic performance.

"The important thing is," said Sandstrom, "that everyone involved can connect with each other."

Most of the performances by the club will be team efforts and nothing is more important in a comedy team than coherence amongst the members. But those who are ready and willing to learn and bond can understand what Sandstrom meant when he said, "When I'm up on stage there's an energy that flows through me and I get pumped!"

For any further information or to sign up for the club inquiring bodies can contact Jacob at sandstromja@uwstout.edu.

Get yourself mezmerized

Hypnotist coming to town to mess up your mind

Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

While everyone has experienced waking hypnosis right before they wake up or right before they fall asleep, University of Wisconsin-Stout students will have a chance to experience a deeper form of hypnosis right here on campus. Hypnotist Daniel James will perform at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19, in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center.

James's career began in 1980 when he joined National Assemblies, an entertainment bureau in Hollywood, Calif. Since then, he has performed at several schools, including Ohio State University, and night-clubs.

He also has performed on the Royal Caribbean and Carnival cruise ships. His high energy, wit and induction techniques set him apart from other hypnotists.

Student volunteers will be hypnotized

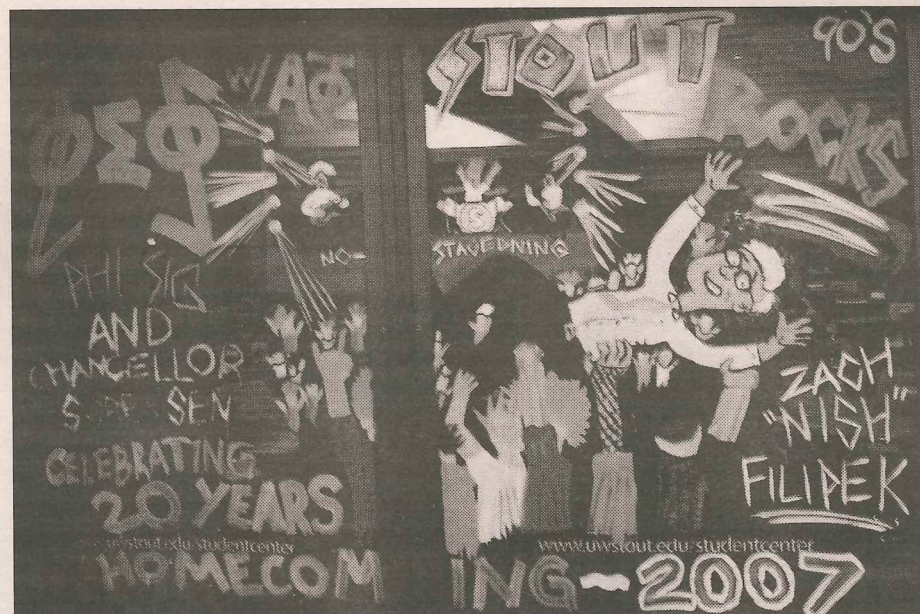
at different levels in front of the live audience on Friday. While under hypnosis, the students will be open to suggestions they would most likely ignore in a fully conscious state of mind.

While humbling, James does not suggest anything to the contestants that would be utterly humiliating. In the past, he has been known to ask the hypnotized to do humorous things like act out eating melting ice cream cones or performing a Chip and Dale's strip-tease.

This event is sponsored by Blue Devil Productions. Admission is free for students with a Stout ID; and \$1 for the general public.

Come to witness the phenomenon that is hypnosis; what better way is there to spend an evening than watching your peers make fools of themselves in front of a live audience?

Two decades of Chuck



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

The campus celebrated the chancellor's 20th year at the University of Wisconsin-Stout with window paintings in the Gradn View Terrace of the MSC on Tuesday. Chancellor Sorensen will judge the entries, which will remain in the windows for the remainder of Homecoming week.

Haunted Menomonie

Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Chad Lewis, a graduate student of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's abnormal psychology program, will be returning to the area for an upcoming conference of spooky persuasion. Lewis will be one of five speakers at the 12th annual Unexplained Conference, which will be held at the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire, Wis. Saturday, Oct. 27.

Lewis chases ghosts for a living, and has come upon a list of specters in his travels. Over the years he has been to many places investigating paranormal activity, including trips to famous spots like Transylvania, Area 51, Loch Ness, Deadwood and New Orleans. He has tracked the menacing Chupacabre in Puerto Rico and elusive Bigfoot in Canada.

At the conference, he will be sharing spook stories of some of the best haunted places to visit in the Menomonie area. These places are open to the public and might provide a fun rendezvous for the Halloween season.

People can learn about these special locations at the Unexplained Conference or find them in "The Wisconsin Road Guide To Haunted Locations," which is one out of five books Lewis coauthored with Terry Fisk. The "Road Guide" features different haunted locations in the state, some of which are right here in Menomonie.

For more information about UW-Stout's ghost hunter alumnus, or to find out more about the Unexplained Conference, visit www.unexplainedresearch.com

Top 5 Haunted Places In Menomonie

1. **The Gnome of Devil's Punch Bowl** - In addition to mysterious voices, phantom apparitions, and unexplained cold breezes, visitors report seeing a gnome-like creature.
2. **The Apparition of JTC Dorm** - Students report seeing the ghostly image of a male walking through the dorm.
3. **Mabel Tainter Theatre** - Visitors to the Theatre often report seeing disembodied lights hovering throughout the building and sights of a woman spirit are common.
4. **The Hellhounds of Caryville** - Those brave enough to visit the area report encountering terrifying black Devil Dogs.
5. **Mary of Elk Lake** - Thirty years after Mary was killed her spirit still wanders the area looking for her killer.

Orange is the new black Xbox releases a new "Half-Life 2" compilation

Brian Muller
Staff Writer

Last week, a popular game for the PC community was put in a compilation with other games and released as The Orange Box for Xbox 360.

The most notable fact about this compilation is that all five games included have a critically acclaimed or anticipated history. The five games are as follows: "Half-Life 2", "Half-Life 2: Episode One", "Half-Life 2: Episode Two", "Portal" and "Team Fortress 2". While it depends on the person, many have viewed "Half-Life 2" as the best inclusion in this compilation, mainly because it was almost universally well-liked by critics and consumers when it released on the PC in 2004. But there's something different in most of these games.

While the two "Half-Life 2" episodes are mentioned as separate games, they are more of smaller expansions upon the original "Half-Life 2". Regardless, all three are of the first-person shooter genre, similar to "Halo 3". They follow the events of Gordon Freeman, as

he travels in and around City 17 fighting off the Combine, an alien threat. The series is well-known for its storytelling from an advanced graphics engine.

Where other games will take you out of control for a computer-generated cutscene, "Half-Life 2" will often leave you in control watching a conversation. With the original game and the two episodes, this series alone could last a possible 30 hours.

The next feature in the compilation is

"Portal". "Portal" uses the same graphics engine and storyline setting as "Half-Life 2", but is more of a comedic puzzle game instead of an action game. The game play involves using a gun to create portals to progress through a laboratory testing facility. The storyline is basically just that, although the

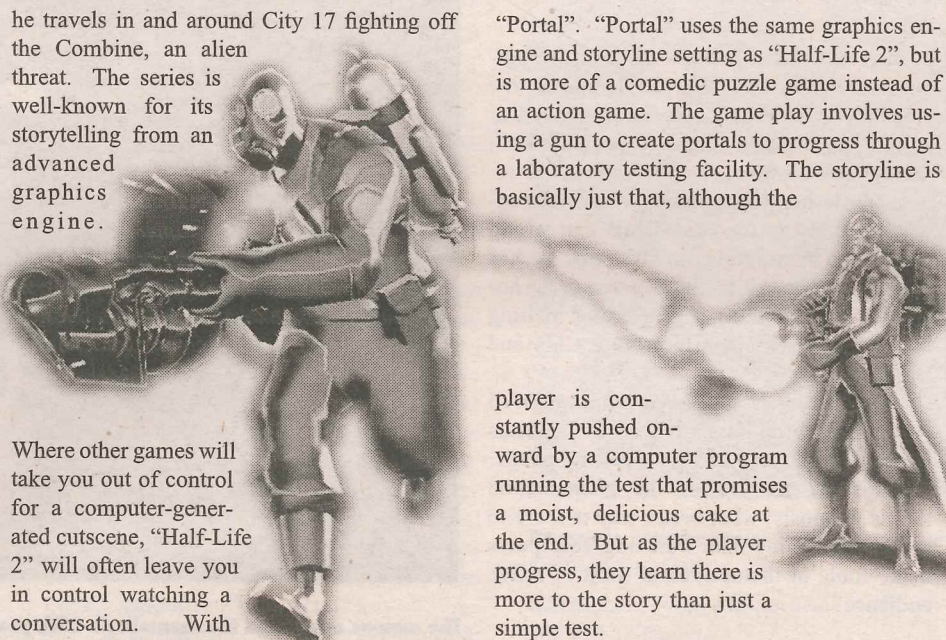
player is constantly pushed onward by a computer program running the test that promises a moist, delicious cake at the end. But as the player progress, they learn there is more to the story than just a simple test.

Lastly, there is "Team Fortress 2". As the name implies, it is a sequel to the original "Team Fortress", a highly popular multiplayer game. Similar to the other games

in The Orange Box, "Team Fortress 2" also uses the same graphics engine and is a first-person shooter.

What sets The Orange Box apart from other first-person shooters is that there are nine classes each player can choose from, and each class is unique from another. For example, the Scout class is extremely fast and has a double-jump to increase aerial movement, but suffers from low health. Almost a complete opposite is the Heavy class, which is very slow but has almost three times as much health as the Scout. With nine of these unique classes, the action can be very unique from one game to another.

Available for a retail price of \$59.99, The Orange Box offers a lot of content for just one game. However, it should also be noted that The Orange Box can be downloaded off of Steam, the developer's online download service for PC gamers. It also includes the option to download each of the games separately. You can find this through Steam by going here: <http://www.steampowered.com/v/index.php>.



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Beginning November 1st and ending April 1st between the hours of 2:00 AM and 7:00 AM, motorists must park on the odd numbered side of the street on odd numbered calendar days and on even numbered days on the even numbered side of the street. Parking on the even side on odd days or odd side on even days is prohibited.

The easiest way to remember this ordinance is to always park your vehicle for the next day. Remember also that the south side of the avenues and east side of streets are even numbered, and the north side of avenues and west side of streets are odd numbered.

Around the world in columns

Ashley Smolen

Food Columnist

Japan, an island country of 127.77 million people, is home to a wealth of culture, history and of course, incredible cuisine. Though many American restaurants attempt to mimic the Chinese and Japanese tastes, none come close to what this island country really has to offer.

In delving into Japan's culinary repertoire, the voice of experience was quickly found to be the best voice to follow. This insight is that of Tomoko Tanaka, a graduate student in the human nutritional science and dietetic program.

What items are found in most meals?

Our staple foods are mainly carbohydrates, such as white sticky rice or flour. Other popular foods included staple ingredients. The ingredients of Okonomiyaki (Japanese pizza) are: flour, eggs, cabbage, pork and special sauce. The ingredients of curry are: curry paste, beef, potato, carrot and onion. The ingredients of sushi are: white sticky rice, a variety of fish, and horse radish.

What foods are popular in Japanese cuisine?

People like staple foods, such as white sticky rice; noodles, such as buckwheat noodles called soba, or udon, flour. In addition, Okonomiyaki, Japanese pizza; curry, and sushi are also popular among Japanese.

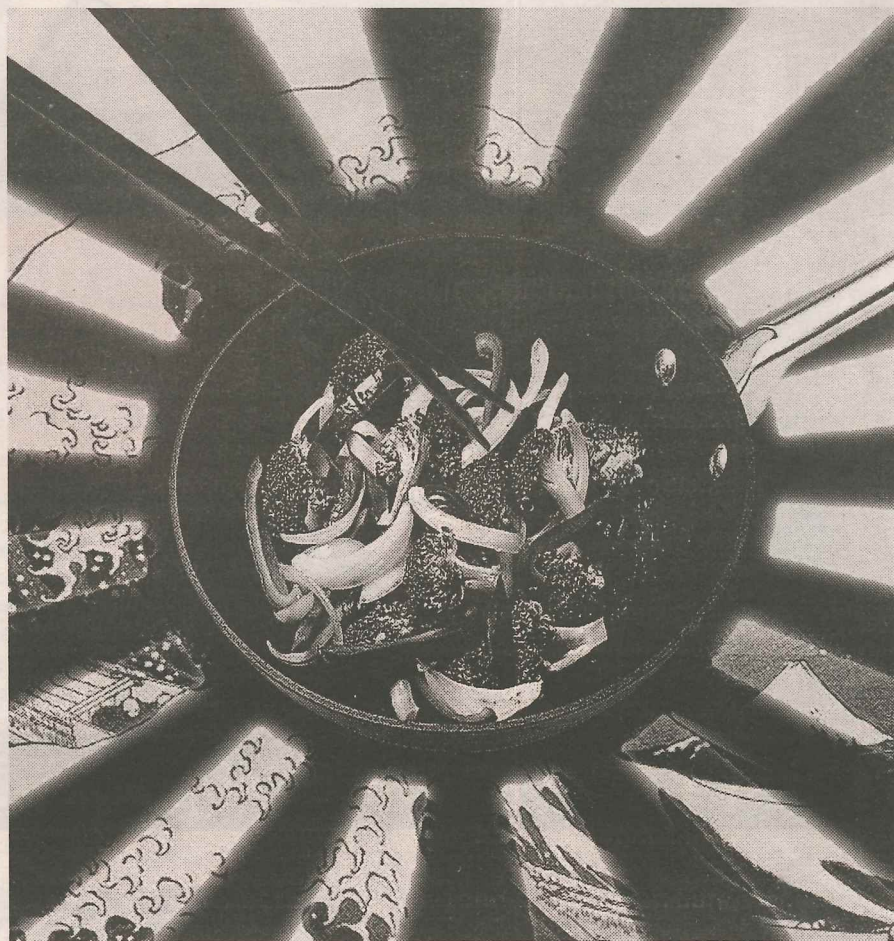
Young kids, however, may have a different preference, very similar to that of American kids: hamburgers, french fries and pop. We also have a variety of foods in my country, such as Chinese, Italian, French, Spanish, Mexican, Korean, Indian and Greek foods besides our traditional food.

What are foods that you have not seen here?

The foods I mentioned above, as well as miso soup (miso is fermented soy paste) that is a traditional Japanese soup, as well as raw fish.

The Japanese cuisine is that of simple combinations but bold and artful flavors. In honor of this culture, Tomoko provided a recipe that allows the average person to try their hands and creating one of this country's culinary masterpieces.

A taste of the far East is not so far away



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia



Okonomiyaki (Japanese pizza)

Ingredients:

2 eggs

3/4 cup water

1 1/2 cup flour

3 cups shredded cabbage

3 Tbsp sliced green onion (optional)

3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese

1 Tbsp sesame oil

Sauce:

1/3 cup Oyster sauce

1/3 cup Mayonnaise



Method:

- After beating eggs in medium bowl, add water

- Add flour and mix well

- Add cabbage, green onion, and cheese

- Put sesame oil on a small frying pan

- Add dough, shape like pancake, add meat on top

- Turn the Okonomiyaki over

- When it looks like a pancake, it's done!

(Sauce: mix mayonnaise and oyster sauce, add on top!)



Shanghai Bistro and blues

Local restaurant fuses Japanese cuisine with contemporary tunes

Chelsea Rickert

Entertainment Editor

Raw fish: for many, an unappetizing choice of entree. But for many others around the world, it is a celebrated dish called "sashimi." When paired with a special vinegar rice, it's called "sushi," which means "snack" in Japanese. Prepared properly, raw fish can be an adventure for the pallet.

A sushi adventure is waiting just down the road for the brave of stomach. The Shanghai Bistro, located on Craig Road in Eau Claire, Wis., is a low-key, classy restaurant sporting a menu rich in Japanese cuisine and a fresh sushi bar, the only one in the area.

Restaurant patrons can choose a place at the bar and watch their food prepared in front of them, or they can take advantage of the personable ambiance and sit at candlelit booths or tables.

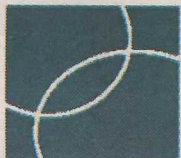
The dimly-lit restaurant supports a relaxed, intimate atmosphere, perfect for soft conversations over some steaming sake and a couple pairs of chopsticks.

The unique thing about Shanghai Bistro is the fact that it melds authentic Japanese culture with tastes from other cultures around the world. Combined with the live music of contemporary American blues and jazz that plays each weekend, the Shanghai Bistro is a dining experience unlike any other in the surrounding Eau Claire/Menomonee area.

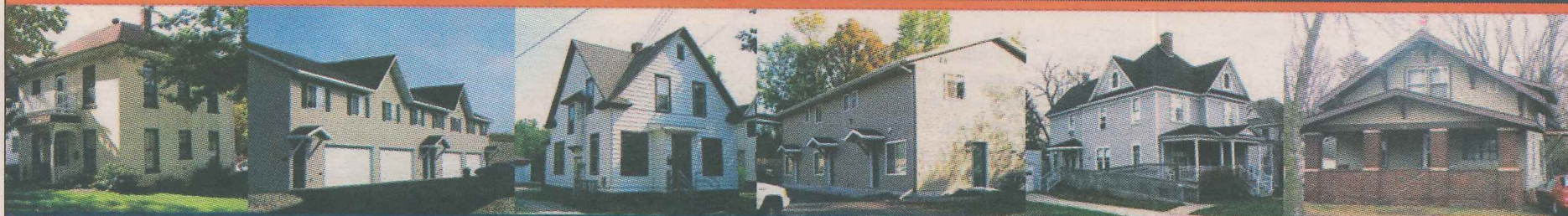
The menu holds not only popular sushi dishes such as Nigiri and Makimono, but well-cooked beef, pork, chicken, duck and vegetable dishes ranging between \$6 and \$20. Your steamed or fried rice will be served on oriental-style, white, square plates separate from your main dish.

And you will be presented with a pair of fancy chopsticks, but do not be chopstick-phobic; learn to use your chopsticks and enjoy the Asian cuisine the way it was meant to be enjoyed.

It is smarter to call ahead and make reservations at the Shanghai Bistro on music nights. Go to www.shanghaibistro.com for more information on the restaurant.



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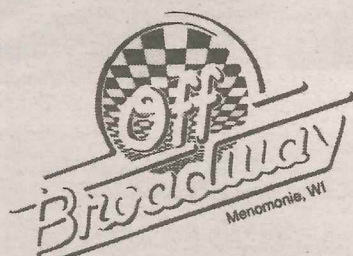
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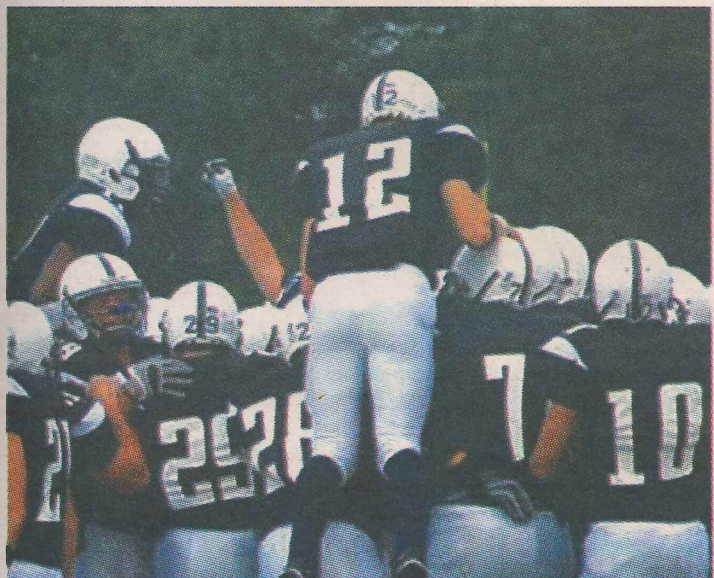
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Horseshoes and hand grenades

Stevens Point continues their conference winning streak



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The University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils pump each other up before a nail-biting game against UW-Stevens Point on Oct. 13.

By Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

In a classic gridiron clash of conference foes, Blue Devil football left it all on the field last Saturday against the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Pointers. Their superior effort was for naught as for the second year in a row, they were handed a defeat by a margin of three points or less.

Stevens Point kicker Ryan Graboski booted a 30 yard field goal with 22 seconds left on the clock to seal the Blue Devils fate. The field goal was one of four for Graboski,

tying the UW-Stevens Point school record for field goals in a game.

Stout opened the game with the ball but was forced to punt after a short drive. The defense saw the need to step up and rose to the occasion.

On the Pointers second play from scrimmage, linebacker Steve Schils picked off Pointer quarterback Jake Swank and brought it back to within four yards of the end zone. It didn't

take long for the offense to capitalize on the takeaway as quarterback Tanner Kattre took the first snap and hooked up with tight end Patrick Mengelkoch for a touchdown. The extra point was converted and Stout jumped out to a 7-0 lead.

As the defense took the field the second time around they were in prime position to force a three and out when QB Swank took off on a 52 yard scramble to pick up a first down and a prime spot in Stout territory. The following play Swank completed a screen pass to Jared Jenkins who was only able to gain five yards before defensive back Ike Ikemefuna stripped him of the ball and

claimed it for himself. Two possessions, two takeaways for the Stout defense.

Early on in the second quarter the Blue Devil offense was looking to bolster their lead as they drove into the red zone. Their progress was cut short as the Pointer defense came up with a turnover of their own when Kyle Provos was intercepted at the Stout 10 yard line.

As the first half came to an end, the Pointers were able to cut their deficit to one point as Graboski booted a couple of field goals to make it 7-6 Blue Devils at the half.

Stevens Point opened up the second half with a scoring drive that concluded with a field goal and a 9-7 lead. Stout wasn't able to do much on the subsequent possession but was able to set themselves up in good position with a punt by Kyle Martin that pinned the Pointers back at their own three yard line.

The Pointer offense wasn't left with much breathing room and it showed as linebacker Kyle Seiler shot through the line and brought Swank down in the end zone for a safety and a tied ball game.

Following the safety, Stevens Point kicked off and with the offense rolling once again, the Blue Devils marched the length of the field and capped off the drive with a one yard touchdown run by senior running back Andy Reese. Stevens Point matched that scoring drive with one of their own that culminated in a 17 yard scoring pass from

Swank to David Hammer.

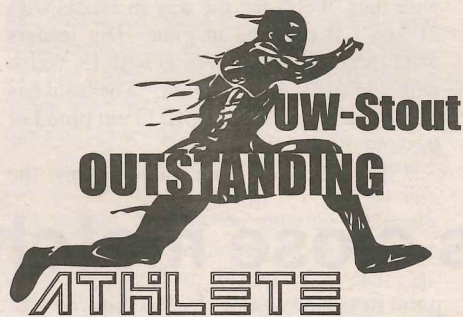
The Blue Devils offense wasn't able to get the ball rolling and was forced to punt. Determined to take control of the game in the fourth quarter, the Pointer offense went 82 yards and topped it off with a 10 yard touchdown run from Michael Ferron.

Trailing 23-16 and with just under five minutes on the clock the Blue Devils knew what had to be done (score a touchdown) to keep themselves in this game. They did just that as Provos capitalized on sloppy secondary play by the Pointers and hooked up with flanker Eric Cieslak for a 45 yard score and a tie ball game with just over two minutes left on the clock.

On the following kickoff, Stevens Point was able to take hold of the momentum in a big way, as Kasey Morgan took the kick and went 58 yards to the Stout 28 yard line.

Needing only a few plays to chew up clock and get closer for a field goal, Stevens Point did just that. Making their way to the 12 yard line, Graboski took the field for his late second heroics and the Pointers left the field with a victory.

The Blue Devils will play host to WIAC rival River Falls this Saturday for the annual homecoming game. Kickoff is scheduled for 1pm at Don & Nona Williams Stadium. The Blue Devils fell to the Falcons in their last meeting 24-20 at River Falls and will be looking for revenge this coming Saturday.



Stephen Schils

This six-foot-one-inch senior football player from Green Bay, Wis. is an industrial management major.

In high school, Stephen was voted conference offensive player of the year, first team all-area, first team all-conference

offense, second team all-conference defense as a senior, voted team MVP and his team won the 2002 state title.

Linebacker Stephen Schils was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference defensive player of the week after his performance at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Sat. Oct. 13. Schils finished the day with two interceptions, nine tackles, seven of which were solo tackles, and one tackle for a loss. On the season Schils has three interceptions, 45 tackles, and 1.5 sacks.



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Paintball: the fastest growing extreme sport

By Michael Broetzmann
Staff Writer

Athletes on campus have been taking the fields, courts and courses by storm, whether they are kicking, throwing, hitting or bouncing balls.

Through this campus though, there has been a small group of select students that have found the need to "shoot" balls at each other recreationally as well as competitively.

This continuously growing sport is known as paintball. Sure we have all heard of this, but is it really just running around in the woods wearing camouflage? This is not where the competitive aspects of the sport comes in.

In fact, paintball is increasingly taking the sport out of the woods and moving it to standardized fields of play, just like any other sport. Because of this, teams from all

around the world are developing and participating in the sport that has claimed the title as "the fastest growing extreme sport" surpassing previous sports of snowboarding and skateboarding.

With this trend occurring, it is to no surprise the student body here on campus has been in on the action with a fully functioning Paintball Club, and students travelling all over the country to compete in tournaments.

Seamus Dwyer, who is president of the Stout Paintball Club, had this to say, "Paintball is a sport that is growing at a steady rate, every year that we are up and running we continue to add more and more members."

Even more so, colleges from all over the country are developing teams that compete against each other, taking the sport to inter-collegiate levels of competition.

There are three University of Wisconsin-Stout students in particular who are

taking this competition to the next level. They are sophomores Luke Haugen and Drew Stutz, and freshman Austin Seibel.

Next weekend they will be loading up in a van and driving down to Orlando, Florida to compete in the Paintball Sports Promotions (PSP) World Cup.

Teams come from all over the country and world

to be crowned world champions in their respective divisions. Nearly 400 teams in all,



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UW-Stout's Seamus Dwyer, president of the paintball club, protects his own hide while attempting to shoot others.

they will compete over a three day period to see which teams can beat out the rest.

Volleyball team gets their first win in WIAC

By Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

After dropping nine straight games volleyball won their first Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference win against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls three games to one.

The Blue Devils won their first WIAC game against UW-River Falls on Oct. 10 winning three games to one with scores of 30-25, 30-19, 24-30 and 30-27. Leading the way with kills were sophomore Jenna Swanson with a career high of 20, senior Linda Meyer with 13 and junior Maggie Meixl with 12. Senior Jenna Walsh was the leader in assists with 43. Other assist leaders were freshman Kim Labat, Swanson and Meyer with three. Dig leaders were senior Casey Huntoon with 22, senior Jenna Welsh with 11, sophomore Alicia Mizer with 10, and Meyer with 10.

"The win was a boost of confidence," said head coach Jill Joliff. "I am excited that the team was finally rewarded after all their hard work on and off the court."

The University of Wisconsin-Stout lost to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville on Oct. 6 three games to none. They lost with scores of 20-30, 18-30 and 17-30. After this loss their record dropped to 9-12 overall and 0-5 in the WIAC. The Blue Devils only managed a .118 hitting percentage for the night. Kill leaders were Meyer with nine, Meixl with nine, Swanson with six, freshman Steph Nichols with four and Welsh with four. Welsh led the way in assists with 21 and Labat added in nine. Dig leaders were Huntoon with 14, Mizer with 13, Welsh with five and Labat with four. "The team has never given up," said Joliff. "I am proud of the way they keep battling."

The team lost their game against the

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on Oct. 5 three games to none. After losing this game the Blue Devils lost their number 20 ranking. They lost with scores of 14-30, 15-30 and 28-30. Throughout the match UW-Stout was held to a .130 hitting percentage, while UW-La Crosse had three players in double digits in kills. Meixl led the way in kills with nine. Other kill leaders were Meyer with eight, Nichols with eight and Swanson with six. Welsh led the way in assists with 25. Leading the way in digs were Huntoon with 14, Swanson with 10, Labat with seven, Mizer with six, Meyer with five and junior Bridget Kelly with four.

After four games the Blue Devils were tied with University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at two games apiece on Oct 3. The Blue Devils couldn't pull out a win in the fifth game dropping their game to Eau Claire three games to two with scores of 22-

30, 30-14, 30-26, 25-30 and 0-15. Kill leaders were Swanson with 15, Meyer with 11, junior Kendra Pagel with nine and Meixl with five. Assist leaders were Welsh with 40, Kelly with three and Huntoon with two. Mizer led the way in defensive digs with 22. Other leaders in digs were Huntoon with 20, Welsh with 16 and Meyer with 12.

The Blue Devils will play the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Friday, Oct. 19 and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Saturday, Oct. 20. Both games will be played at home. They will then travel to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Oct. 27 and will then play the Milwaukee School of Engineering at UW-Stevens Point. "We are going to play with confidence and cut down on our unforced errors," said Joliff. "We will make UW-Stevens Point and MSOE earn the points that are on the scoreboard."

Soccer drops close match to UW-Whitewater

By Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

Through bumps and bruises, checks and shoves, both teams piled up a combined 15 fouls. From the amount of contact and physical play, you'd think you were at a women's rugby match.

Despite those indications, the ball remained round and soccer was the game. The Blue Devils dropped a close game to the Warhawks of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, 2-1.

During an exciting first half of play, UW-Whitewater was able to strike first with an Alyssa Palmer goal. The University of Wisconsin-Stout was not amused as Rachel Herzog picked the perfect time to score her first career goal as she drove a shot to the back of the net off of an assist by Katie Ness. The goal was the second

point in as many games by Herzog who also collected an assist in the previous match at Hamline University.

With the game tied 1-1, UW-Whitewater was able to regain their lead at the 34-minute mark thanks to the leg of Allison Davis to set the score at 2-1 in favor of the Warhawks.

What looked like to be an offensive goal-fest turned out to be a defensive battle through the rest of the game. Physical game play and solid defense led to merely 15 total shots. UW-Whitewater held a 6-5 advantage regarding shots on goal. Each goalie was credited with four saves.

The Blue Devils face the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and St. Mary's University in the coming week and will play their home finale on Oct. 27 against the Pointers of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Saturday's game is scheduled to start at 2 p.m.



Photo by Jeremy Nelson

UW-Stout freshman Katie Ness shows her moves against a UW-Whitewater defender. The Blue Devils gave a valiant effort but unfortunately could not overcome the Warhawks' lead.

"All-Day" did just that and then some

By Ryan McGlennen
Sports Editor

When the Minnesota Vikings selected Adrian Peterson seventh overall in the 2007 NFL draft, many spectators questioned their decision making abilities. These thoughts were soon exorcised after the Vikings defeated the Chicago Bears at Soldier Field on Sunday, Oct. 14.

With the 2007 draft approaching, Peterson was projected as one of the most explosive players entering the draft, closely trailing Calvin Johnson. Peterson's sheer speed, size and strength made an immediate impact on those considering drafting an NFL ready running back in 2007.

However when the 2007 draft finally arrived, Peterson was targeted as a durability concern, mainly due to nagging injuries he inflicted during his collegiate career at Oklahoma.

Acquiring another running back was not a top priority for the Vikings in the 2007 draft. Rather, they had much more serious concerns at wide receiver. When Georgia Tech's superstar wide out Calvin Johnson was taken off the board by the Detroit Lions with the second overall pick, the Vikings decided to draft the best available player.

Knowing of his durability issues, the Vikings selected Peterson even though they were not in dire need of a new running back. These durability concerns were not evident

in his performance against Chicago, as he ran over and around Bears defenders with an uncanny ability. Recording a career day of 224 yards rushing on a modest 20 carries with three trips into the end zone, Peterson was jettisoned to the top of the list in most fantasy football leagues.

When the game concluded, Peterson accounted for a total of 361 all-purpose yards, the third most in a single game in NFL history. He also broke a franchise rushing record for the Vikings and was named NFC player of the week. After week six concluded, Peterson immediately received national recognition and has been proclaimed as the best "pure runner" in the NFL.

On just 96 carries, Peterson has ac-

counted for 607 rushing yards from scrimmage with an average of 6.3 yards per carry, including four rushing touchdowns. His productivity as a rookie has only been surpassed by Erik Dickerson, who ran for a mere 38 yards more than Peterson in his first five professional games with the Los Angeles Rams in 1983.

In a city that has lost its professional superstars, Peterson has single handedly took the weight of a faltered franchise on his shoulders and began to pump life back into it. With a break out game at Soldier Field, which put Minnesota back on the map, Peterson could very well be the answer that Vikings fans have been looking for.

Mens' golf season comes to a close

By Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

Men's golf concluded their fall season at the Viterbo Invite on Oct. 7 and 8 at the La Crosse Country Club.

After the first day of the invite the Blue Devils were in fourth place. The University of Wisconsin-Stout leaders were freshman Matt Fielder, who was tied for sixth with a score of 72, freshman Derek Holmes tied for 11 with a score of 75, sophomore Paul Speltz tied for 16 with a score of 76, freshman Sheldon Haedtke tied for 28 with a score of 77 and sophomore Tyler Mahlik tied for 31 with a score of 78.

Playing as individuals were sophomore Marc Nickolas and junior Adam Chandler who tied for 16 as well with a score of 76.

On the second day of the tournament UW-Stout finished sixth as a team with a total stroke score of 618. Fielder finished the tournament ninth of 150 competitors with a final score of 157. Other top finishers from UW-Stout were Chandler who finished 12 with a score of 156 strokes, Speltz and Nickolas who tied for 22 with 156 strokes, Mahlik tied for 26 with a total score of 157, Haedtke tied for 31 with a score of 158 and Holmes tied for 35 with a score of 160.

The Blue Devils finished fifth of 15 at the Frank Wigglesworth Blugold Invitational at the Eau Claire Country Club on Sept. 23-24.

After the first day of tournament play the Blue Devils were in fourth place with 317 strokes. After finishing the second day of tournament play the team finished with 627 strokes, a 310 on the second day.

Top finishers were Fielder with a total score of 151 strokes which put him in 12, Holmes finished 15 with 152 strokes, Haedtke finished 38 with a total score of 162, Speltz finished 55 with a combined score of 166 and junior Geoff Pirkel finished 58 with a combined score of 167.

The Blue Devils men's golf team will resume play in late March.

Tennis team kicks it in high gear

By Michael Broetzmann
Staff Writer

The women's tennis team kicked it into high gear as the end of their season approached as they pulled off a string of four impressive wins, two of them in which have helped the team improve to an 8-3 record overall and move up to third place in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

These wins were pulled off against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, St. Norbert College, Winona State and lastly a defeat against the previously undefeated University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. But who is the credit to be given to with this newly found success?

Some could say it is due to the prodigy freshman Allie Hinman from Lino Lakes, Minnesota, who received the honors of the WIAC player of the week as she did her share to help the team win in the past weeks as she strung together three wins in singles play.

This isn't the only success for her though, as she is currently at 10-5 record playing at the No.1 singles position. She has certainly held her share of success and has helped the team out on several occasions.

Others could say it is the first year coach of Bob Salt, who has taken the team in a new direction. With no previous experience in coaching at the collegiate level

he has entered the arena and has led the team to their success. With an optimistic attitude and positive approach, he has set the team on path for their most successful season to date.

The team will hopefully continue to ride this momentum they have gained as they will travel down to Madison, Wis. this weekend to compete in the WIAC Individual Championships.

If they can cap the season off by holding their third place in WIAC, it will mark the teams most successful season in school history. The competition will be tough, but the team will be ready to give it their all and fight to hold onto this honor.

Womens' golf finishes fall season in 7th

By Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's golf team finished their fall season at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament on Oct. 6 and 7 in seventh place out of eight.

After the first day of the WIAC tournament held at the Windwood Golf Course in Watertown, Wis., junior Molly Loney and freshman Morgan Loney were both tied for 12th place after the first day with a score of 87. Other top finishers for the day were freshman Cynthia Huber who shot a 96, sophomore Kelsey Treptow who shot a 98 and sophomore Cadi O'Connell who shot a 103.

The Blue Devils finished the tournament in seventh place out of eight. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point won

the team title. Top UW-Stout finishers were Molly Loney who finished sixth with a score of 167, Morgan Loney placing 16 with a score of 173, Huber who tied for 33 with a score of 190, Treptow who placed 38 with a score of 196 and finishing 39 with a score of 200 was O'Connell.

The Blue Devils finished seventh of nine at the UW-Stevens Point Invitational held at the Stevens Point Country Club on Sept. 29 and 30. After the first day of the tournament the Blue Devils were in seventh place.

Top UW-Stout golfers after the first day were Molly Loney who was in 11th with a score of 85, Morgan Loney who was in 27 with a score of 91, Treptow in 32 with a score of 97, Huber in 39 after shooting a 102 and O'Connell in 41 after shooting a 105.

After the second day of the tournament the top finishers were Molly Loney who finished 10th with a final score of 170, Morgan Loney who tied for 21 with a score of 179, O'Connell finished 35 with a score of 199, Treptow finished 37 with a 202 and Huber finished 40 with a score of 207.

The women's golf team will resume their season in mid-April.



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Junior Molly Loney tees off at the WIAC Conference tournament. Overall, she finished sixth with a score of 167.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Blue Devil Football

Record: 2-4

The UW-Stout football team lost to UW-Stevens Point last weekend in a nail biting game that finished 26-23, UW-Stevens Point. UW-Stout's Stephen Schils had a career day with two interceptions, and nine tackles. He was also named as the WIAC defensive player of the week.

Next game: Homecoming! On Sat. Oct. 20 at 1 p.m.



Blue Devil Tennis

Record: 8-3

The Blue Devils swept doubles competition to set up a win over Winona State, 6-3. Also, UW-Stout's Jodie Czech earned a second seed at No. 2 singles in the WIAC Tennis Championships.

Next match: Oct. 19-21 at WIAC Championships at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison.



Women's Golf

Molly Loney hit the third best score of the day, finishing sixth at the WIAC Women's Golf Championships at Windwood in Watertown. Loney was also named to the inaugural WIAC Women's Golf All-Sportsmanship team.

Next Match: April 14-15 at the Illinois Wesleyan Invite



Blue Devil Volleyball

Record: 10-14

The Blue Devils beat St. Scholastica in the first game, but St. Scholastica rallied back to win the next three games as the Saints defeated Stout for the second time this season. Stout's Maggie Meixl led all players with 17 kills.

Next game: (Home) on Fri. Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.



Blue Devil Soccer

Record: 5-10

The Blue Devil soccer team battled back in a game against UW-Whitewater but failed to overcome the Warhawks. Stout played UW-River Falls on Oct. 17, beating them 3-1. Holding their early lead gave the Blue Devils their fifth win of the season.

Next game: (Away) Sun. Oct. 21 at St. Mary's

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Environmental Impact Assessment
Jarvis Hall Science Wing Renovation and Addition Project
University of Wisconsin - Stout
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The Wisconsin Department of Administration's Division of State Facilities has retained Cedar Corporation to complete data collection and an environmental analysis to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report related to the proposed Jarvis Hall Science Wing Renovation and Addition project, in accordance with sec. 1.11 Wis. Stats. An EIA evaluates adverse and positive environmental, social, economic, biological, archeological, and other impacts a proposed action may have.

This proposed action involves renovation of and an addition to the Jarvis Hall Science Wing to provide general assignment classrooms, science and instructional research laboratories, preparation labs and storage, departmental offices and support, and student study areas. Approximately 11,400 GSF of the Jarvis Hall Science Wing will be demolished and, with an addition of approximately 90,900 GSF, the resultant size of the science wing is anticipated at 150,100 GSF.

Copies of the Environmental Impact Assessment will be available for public review beginning October 18, 2007 at the following locations during normal hours of operation:

1. Menomonie Public Library, 600 Wolske Bay Road, Menomonie, Wisconsin
2. UW-Stout Library Learning Center, 315 10th Avenue, Menomonie, Wisconsin.

An electronic version of the document is also available for viewing or downloading at:
www.cedarcorp.com/links.htm

On behalf of the UW System, Cedar Corporation will facilitate a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2007, in Room 141 of the Jarvis Hall Science Wing, which is located at 410 10th Avenue East, Menomonie, Wisconsin. Parking is available on the east and north side of Jarvis Hall.

Following a brief presentation of the project and potential impacts, the meeting will be opened to accept public input. An opportunity to provide written comments will also be provided. You are encouraged to attend the public meeting and offer your comments. Interested individuals or groups who are not able to attend the meeting should submit comments by noon on November 5, 2007, to:

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Community

Thursday, October 18

A Conversation with Author Catherine Friend. 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ally Center, MSC

- Interviewing Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 430, Library

Friday, October 19

-Tours of Cold Spring Granite and Grede Foundries Inc. Register in Room 308, Fryklund Hall. Cost \$10. 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Departing and Returning on North Side of Fryklund Hall

Monday, October 22

-End of First Quarter
-Interviewing Workshop. 1:25 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Room 430, Library

Tuesday, October 23

-Advisement Day, No Classes
-Oktoberfest '07. Cost: \$7.75 for advance tickets, \$8.75 day of event. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
-Up Close and Personal: Melissa Smith - Tourville and Family. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Ally Center, MSC
-Resume Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 430, Library

Wednesday, October 24

-Beginning of Second Quarter
-How to Find a Co-op/ Internship Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 430, Library

Thursday, October 25

-Managing Your Web Presence and Visibility Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 430, Library

Monday, October 29

-Cover Letters and Professional Communication Workshop. 1:25 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Room 430, Library

Tuesday, October 30

-EDGE Program: Police and Parking Services. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Room 205, Millennium Hall
-How to Find a Co-op/Internship Workshop. 12:20 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. Room 430, Library

Entertainment

Thursday, October 18

-Rock Around Your Couch-a-Thon. Starts at 12 p.m. and ends Friday at 12 p.m. MSC South Lawn
-Royalty Rock N' Roll Trivia. 7 p.m. The Underground, MSC
-6th Annual Strongman/Strongwoman Competition. 7 p.m. MPR room,

Health and Fitness Center

Friday, October 19

-Coronation + Hypnotist Daniel James. 7 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Saturday, October 20

-Parade of Rock. Line-up at 9 a.m., starts at 11 a.m. Starts at Dunn County Recreation Park to Johnson Fieldhouse.
-The O'Neill Brothers - music. Cost: \$24 adults, \$20 seniors/students. 3 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Tuesday, October 23

-Why We Fight - movie. 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts
-Atmosphere with Mac Lethal, Gray-skul, and Luckyjam - music. 7 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Thursday, October 25

-Open Mic. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Friday, October 26

-Mauvais Sort - music and dance. Cost: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/student, \$3 children. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Saturday, October 27

-Gales of November - music. Cost: \$24 adults, \$22 seniors/students. 8 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Tuesday, October 30

-Back Stage Pass to the Hit Songwriters - music. Cost: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors/students. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Wednesday, October 31

-Halloween!
-Phantom of the Opera - silent film. Cost: \$3. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Athletics

Friday, October 19

-Women's and Men's Cross Country at Lake Wissota Invitational. 4 p.m.
-Volleyball vs. UW-Whitewater. 7 p.m.
-Tennis WIAC Conference Tournament at UW-Madison

Saturday, October 20

-Volleyball vs. UW-Oshkosh. noon
-Football vs. UW-River Falls. 1 p.m.
-Tennis WIAC Conference Tournament at UW-Madison

Sunday, October 21

-Soccer at St. Mary's. 3:30 p.m.

-Tennis WIAC Conference Tournament at UW-Madison

Friday, October 26

-Hockey vs. Northland College. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 27

-Women's Cross Country WIAC Championships, Oshkosh, WI. 11 a.m.
-Men's Cross Country WIAC Championships, Oshkosh, WI. noon
-Volleyball at UW-Stevens Point. noon
-Football at UW-La Crosse. 1 p.m.
-Soccer vs. UW-Stevens Point. 2 p.m.
-Volleyball vs. MSOE at Stevens Point. 2 p.m.
-Hockey at Marian College. 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 30

-Soccer WIAC Quarterfinals, high seed. TBA
-Volleyball WIAC Quarterfinals, high seed. 7 p.m.
-Hockey vs. Concordia-WI. 7 p.m.

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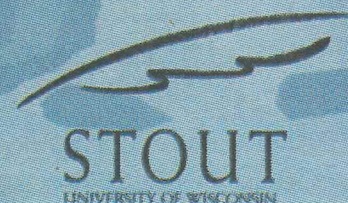
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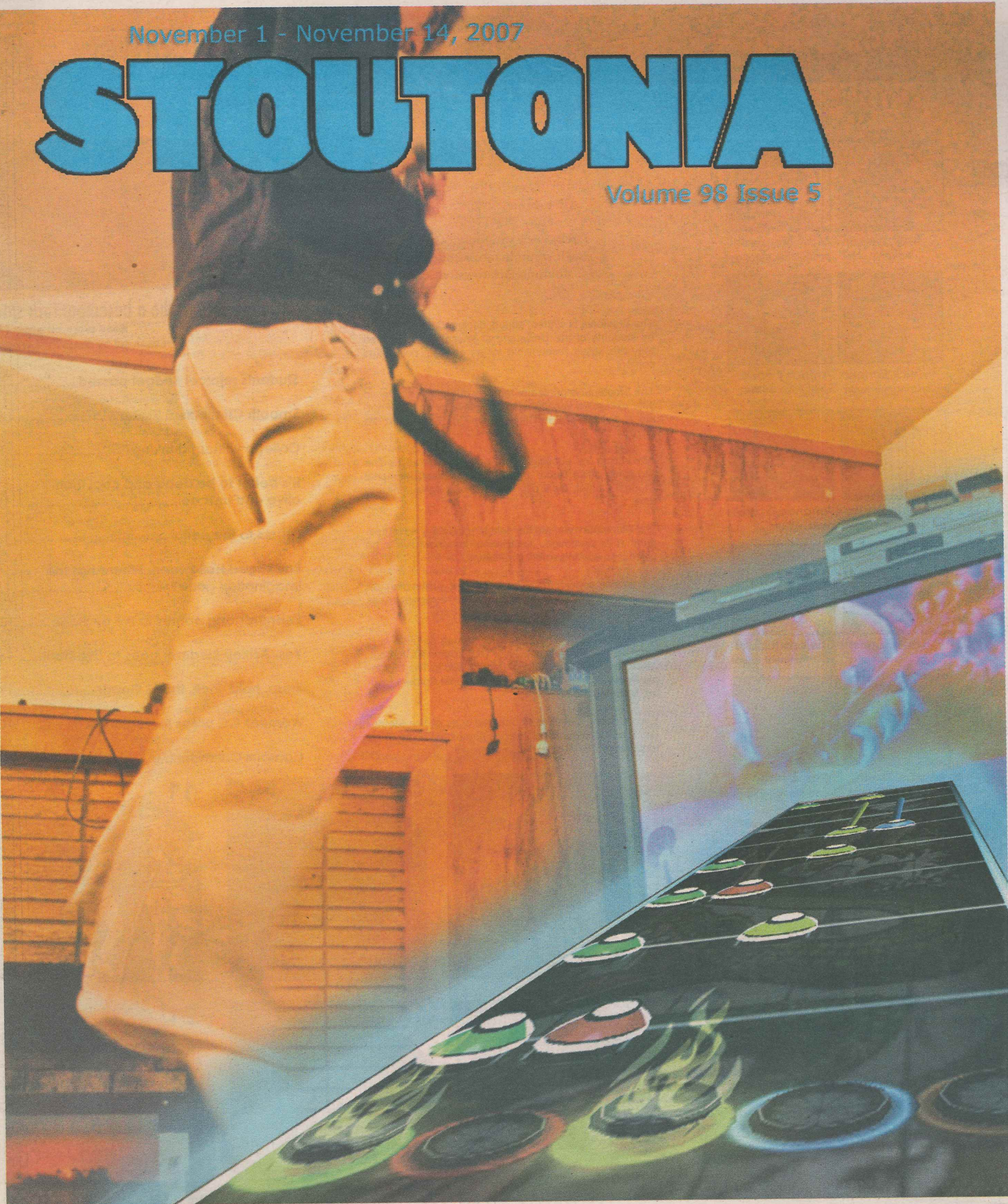
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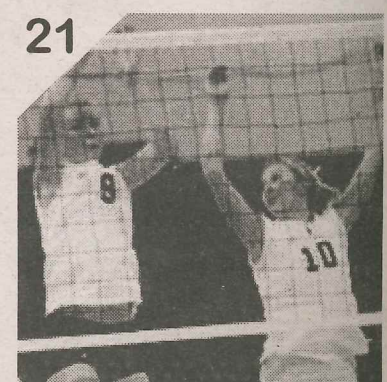
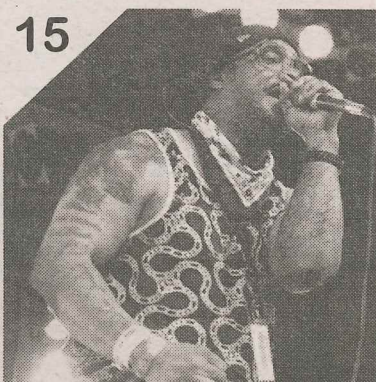
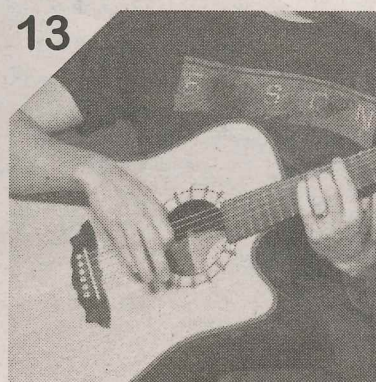
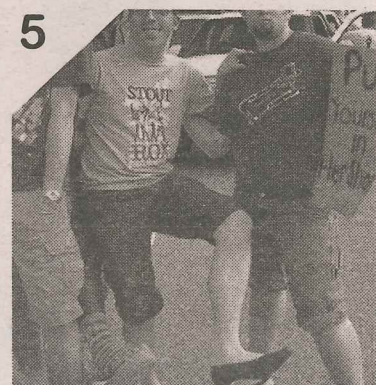
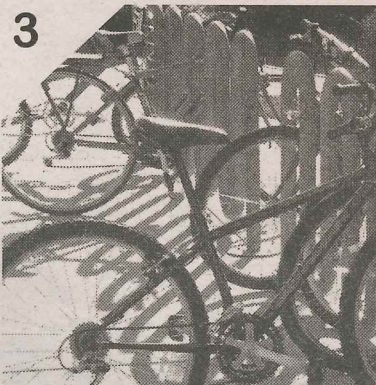
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Students rejoice! | Wisconsin state budget is passed

Amanda Schield
News Editor

After 1,700 pages, 114 days and eight hours of deliberation and debate, 23 Republicans and 37 Democrats finally voted 'aye' on Oct. 23 to pass a budget for the state of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin students applauded the signing of the state budget, which increases funding to the University of Wisconsin System and allows for greater access to higher education. The budget includes \$32 million in financial aid, and fully funds the UW Growth Agenda.

"This is a winning budget for Wisconsin students," College Democrats of Wisconsin Chair Kira Brenner said. "It gives the University System the funding it needs to retain our best professors, build needed facilities and increase financial aid for low income students. This budget will no doubt keep Wisconsin as a national leader in higher education."

The budget also includes funding for veterans' tuition remission, which allows veterans of the armed services to attend Wisconsin colleges and universities free of charge, and provides a tax credit for tuition expenses.

"This budget deal means that we can get

on with the important business of educating our students so they graduate and become productive taxpayers and involved citizens," Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen said. "This budget finally reverses the steady decline in state support for public higher education in Wisconsin. It is a budget that we can use at UW-Stout to move forward as Wisconsin's Polytechnic University," explains Sorensen.

According to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, the proposed funding for the UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stout is \$2.1 million, which will be used to "educate more students in advanced science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines including nanotechnology, biotechnology, polymer engineering and computer and electrical engineering."

In addition, these monies will go to "improve access to science and engineering facilities and expertise for both students and regional businesses and industry," and to "enhance the science, engineering and technology training of graduates to attract and retain high-end employers."

The 2007-09 state budget will allow UW-Stout "to proceed with some very important initiatives, projects that have been discussed on campus for a long time," Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen said.

How UW-Stout intends to divide the funding:

1. Harvey Hall Theater Remodeling: The project spends \$5.14 million to upgrade the Harvey Hall Theatre. Built in 1916, this theater needs major renovation. The project will improve accessibility and replace the sound system, lighting, rigging, curtains and track, reconstruct the balcony, renovate other rooms, and upgrade the ventilation, electrical and plumbing systems.

"We have been working on getting this project for 20 years, and now it will happen," Chancellor Sorensen said.

Construction is anticipated to begin in winter 2009 with completion in late fall to early winter 2010.

2. Price Commons Second Floor Renovation: The budget also calls for the renovation of the second floor of Price Commons for \$3.08 million, which was built in 1967. The work includes asbestos abatement and upgrading the mechanical systems and the food service area.

3. Funding for the \$3 million NanoSTEM initiative, a partnership between UW-Stout, UW-Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley Technical College. At UW-Stout this means providing two new majors important to the plastics and high-technology sectors in the Chippewa Valley: the polymer and computer/electrical majors. Furthermore, the NanoSTEM part of the budget provided money to add two faculty members for biotechnology and two positions for nanotechnology. There are also positions for the polymer and computer/electrical majors.

4. Financial aid: Finally, the budget includes an increase in financial aid under the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant program, which will help address our current financial aid waiting list of about 300 students. The budget includes state support for veteran's tuition remission.

Details of the plan can be found at the Legislative Fiscal Bureau at www.legis.state.wi.us

Can't we all just get along? Bikes and pedestrians need to share

Erica Edblom
Staff Writer

Every University of Wisconsin-Stout student seems to have 10 minutes. If it's 10 minutes between classes, or the 10 minutes we leave ourselves to get to class, we are all on a mission to be on time. This mission for UW-Stout students causes numerous problems throughout campus, including one

major concern surrounding pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

It is difficult enough to get from Harvey Hall to the Applied Arts building on time, but what makes it even more complicated is the lack of interaction and respect between the on-the-rush bikers and walkers to share the sidewalk. This dilemma is producing numerous problems, leaving students feeling frustrated.

Timothy Howe, a daily walker from North Campus, jokes, "I just don't like walking to class and having to feel like it's a life or death situation."

One cause seems to be the decrease in interaction between students. With iPods in ears and cell phones in hands there is a major lack of communication between bikers and walkers.

There seems to be no reason to say, "excuse me" or "coming behind you," because no one can actually hear you. This trend generates accidents between the two. Walkers end up with tires on their

heels and bikers are bent-out-of-shape. Students need to turn down the volume or phone home later to help avoid these incidences.

Consideration seems to be another issue when it comes to student traffic. Bekah Saatzter, comments, "It's so difficult to bike to class. Students seem to zigzag along the sidewalks and it leaves no room for bikers to travel. It's always a challenge to find a path to take."

Students who walk need to be thoughtful when it comes to others trying to get to class. They need to be aware of their surroundings, including others walking and biking. But consideration is also a two-way road.

Bikers also need to be understanding to those who are walking, taking the time to slow down and give a little extra room when passing. Both walkers and bikers need

understanding of the environment that surrounds them.

As important as consideration and communication are to campus travel, it is also important to remember there are laws and regulations that govern. Sergeant Starck of Menomonie police department emphasizes, "There seems to be many students who are uninformed in the regulations that are set for

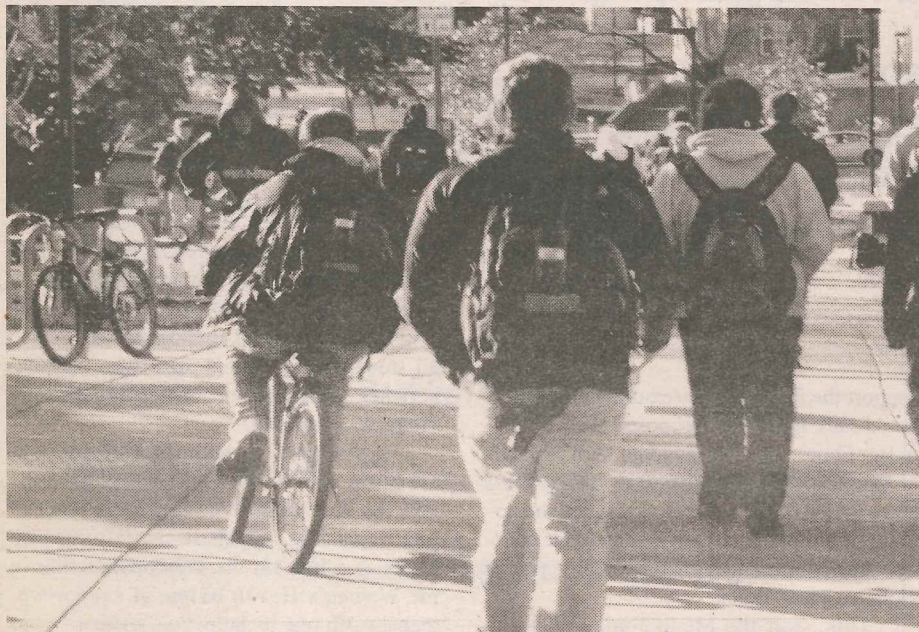
pedestrians and bicyclists. This is something that needs to be addressed."

Bikes are considered vehicles. For this reason they need to follow the same traffic laws as all other vehicles. They should

remain on the roads unless they are unable to get to a campus building. Bikers also need to treat pedestrians the same as a parked car, no swerving in and out of pedestrians and leave three feet between the two.

Police Officer Heins states, "Bikers who do not follow these laws can be issued a ticket, it is better to be safe than sorry." This is something no student wants: to spend more money. But it is also important for walkers to be predictable, letting others know their intentions. Bikers can follow all the laws, but there will still be problems if walkers are not acting in a safe manner.

So stretch that 10 minutes to 15, get up a few minutes earlier and be more aware when you are walking to class, because the last thing anyone needs is a bike repair fee or a ticket from university police.



Erica Edblom/Stoutonia

Pedestrians and bikers battle in out on the sidewalks while rushing to class on the grounds of UW-Stout. Learning to share the space will mean a safer and less hectic commute for all.

Stout students support victims of sexual abuse

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

According to a University of Wisconsin-Stout campus violence survey, only 10 percent of respondents reported experiencing an incident of sexual assault while enrolled at UW-Stout, but 75 percent agree that all forms of abuse are harmful.

Sexual abuse is something rarely worried about by UW-Stout students, but it can not be denied.

Sarah Finger is a representative for the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health (WAWH). It is the goal of this group to advance women's health, and support women's health policy. "25,000 women in the United States become pregnant each year as a result of rape," Finger said.

"However, 88 percent of these pregnancies could be prevented if these rape victims had access to emergency contraceptives," Finger said.

Though the American Medical Association considers pregnancy prevention "A necessary component of treatment for women who have been sexually assaulted," WAWH states 42 percent of Wisconsin hospital emergency rooms do not offer emergency contraceptives to rape victims at all.

The Compassionate Care for Rape Victims bill will require all Wisconsin hospitals to educate and give access to emergency contraceptives to sexually assaulted women.

The bill was passed in May of this year by the Senate, and the Coalition launched the Faces of Compassion Campaign on Oct. 22, following a statewide Community Day of Action in which hundreds of activists declared their support for the Compassionate Care for Rape Victims bill.

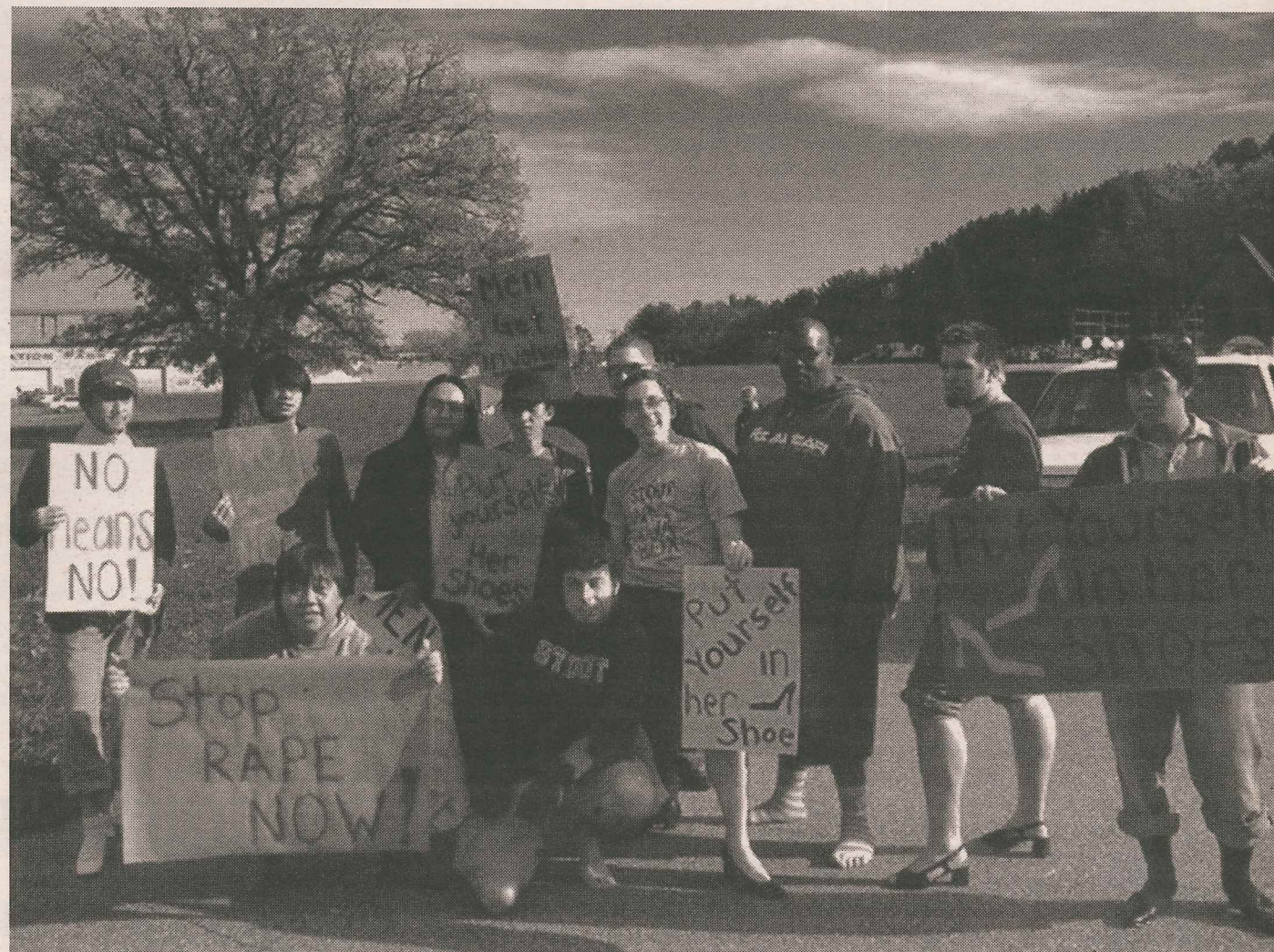
However, there is a proposed amendment to the bill, which lets a hospital or doctor decide if they wish to supply the emergency contraceptive or not.

This amendment completely obliterates the bill's entire purpose. Doctors may disagree with providing the medication because of their personal belief that it is "unconstitutional" or that emergency contraception is abortion.

In the 10 states that have already passed the bill, its constitutionality has never been questioned. The fact is that emergency contraceptives can only prevent a pregnancy; they do not destroy an existing pregnancy.

By Wisconsin law, hospitals are required to educate patients of all possible treatments. However, only one-third of Wisconsin hospitals offer emergency contraceptives to rape victims. Why is it so important that rape victims get emergency contraceptives in hospitals?

"Emergency contraceptives may work up to 120 hours after the incident, but it is 90 percent effective within the first 12 hours," says Sara Finger, a representative of the Wis-



Submitted Photo
Students of UW-Stout march in the homecoming parade along with members of the Men in Violence Protection as part of Walk a Mile in her shoes, a campaign which supports the fight against sexual violence.

consin Alliance for Women's Health. "This is why it is important that patients can get the medication as soon as possible, and that's in the emergency rooms," said Finger.

Mike Murray, a policy specialist for the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Inc., is lobbying for this issue by holding public events to inform other people about the bill and its benefits.

"Rape victims deserve to get basic care which is recommended by every major medical association," said Murray.

"Hopefully the assembly can make a decision on this issue by the end of 2007, which will provide them with the care they deserve," said Murray.

The Men for Violence Protection (MVP) is a student organization whose goal

is to take responsibility for putting an end to violence against women. Though they have no events planned specifically to sup-

port the CCRV bill, they held events in October focused on domestic abuse.

One such event was "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes," which featured men walking in high heels to

support the fight against sexual violence.

Frank Baird first proposed Walk a Mile in Her Shoes: The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence in 2001. "This march gives men the opportunity to publicly demonstrate their courage and commitment to preventing gender violence," said Frank.

This year, the Menomonie, Wis. police department approached Men in Violence Prevention wondering what could

be done about offensive signs outside of homes on Main Street on moving-in day.

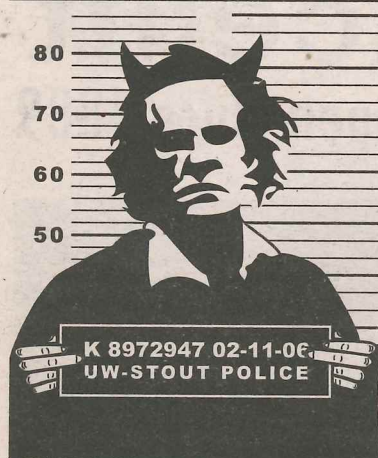
"The officers can only take down signs with swear words," said the MVP's advisor, Jessica Bryan. "Next year, the MVP's plan to talk to the houses on this street, and educate them about sexual harassment," said Bryan. The Dean will also be going to some of the houses along with the members of MVP.

Bryan is also involved as the project coordinator for the Campus Violence Prevention Project, which strives to educate, prevent, intervene and coordinate efforts against violence on the UW-Stout campus. The CVPP offers free and confidential services to all students—women and men—who may experience sexual assault, dating or domestic violence or stalking.

If you wish to help the Compassionate Care for Rape Victims bill become law, the best thing to do is write a letter to your legislator, and share the information. There is a link on the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health online at supportwomenshealth.org to help you write to your legislator about this issue.

"88% of pregnancies could be avoided if rape victims had timely access to emergency contraceptives"

—Sara Finger



~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity
from Menomonie

Citations Issued

Oct. 15 through Oct. 28

UAD - 1st offense - 45
UAD - 2nd offense - 3
UAD - 3rd offense - 0
Open Container - 5

Climbing/walking on roof - 1
Selling, peddling, soliciting - 1
Possession of marijuana and drug
paraphernalia - 1
Public urination/deposit of human
waste - 1
I.D. Card violation - 1

Seven people trapped in a dorm room for
two hours. You know one of them has got
to have B.O.

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2:40 a.m.

An R.A. called for assistance when
a group of several people were trapped in a
South Hall dorm room.

When officers attempted to open the
door they found that the tumblers were quite
clearly damaged. Occupants of the room stated
that seven people had been stuck in the
room for the past two hours. The R.A. had
called maintenance but was unsure if anyone
would actually come.

Officers tried prying the door open

with a crowbar but with no success. Eventually,
officers ended up ramming the door,
breaking it open.

**Jerk with baseball bat gets drunk. Since
you're reading this here, you know this
can't end well.**

Friday, Oct. 19, 12:44 a.m.

A drunken male wearing a black shirt
with lots of lettering on the back was seen
smashing windows with a baseball bat in the
area of 6th Street and 10th Avenue.

Officers encountered a person matching
that description (sans baseball bat). The person
initially avoided contact but when surrounded
on either side by officers he stopped to
converse. Officers meanwhile searched the
area for a baseball bat.

Officers were unable to locate the baseball
bat but the subject had cuts on his elbows
and shards of glass all over his clothing. His
shirt was taken for evidence.

**Brain trust of University of Wisconsin
Stout breaks into an unlocked playground
to steal a scarecrow. (We're
guessing these guys were turned down
by the wizard.)**

Monday, Oct. 22, 10:50 a.m.

Sometime over Homecoming week-
end, person or persons unknown entered
the playground area of the Child Study

grounds and stole a scarecrow that the children
there had made. The children were very
upset by this, as they had spent a good deal of
time making Mr. Scarecrow.

When last seen, Mr. Scarecrow was
wearing blue jeans, a red plaid shirt, about half
a bale of straw and a four foot bamboo shoot
traversing his abdomen and arms.

The south gate to the playground was
sprung open in an attempt to gain access by
force. It should be noted that the gate was not
locked and that all that was needed to open it
was to simply lift the latch. This was pointed
out by a three-year-old.

**If I were caught drinking Hamms beer, I'd
run too**

Friday, Oct. 26, 1:06 a.m.

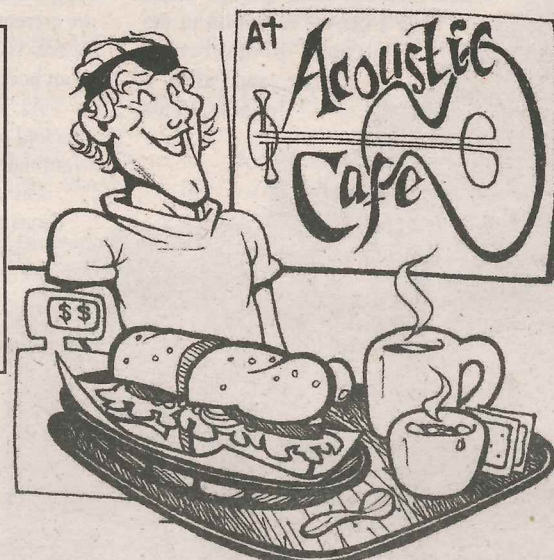
A group of students was observed standing
in Lot 34. As officers approached, the students
appeared to be walking from the lot to the
dorms. As the group began to break up, a
backpack was observed on the ground behind
them. Upon sighting officers, the group of
students dispersed and ran.

Pursuit of the students was unsuccessful.
Officers examined the backpack that had
been left behind and found it to contain 16
cans of Hamms beer.

The beer and the backpack were disposed
of.

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Mabel Tainter gets a facelift

Local theatre receives a much needed renovation after being open since 1889

Bob Lindberg and Lauren Jacobson
Staff Writer

With \$4.55 million in renovations for the new Mabel Tainter Center of the Arts, Gary Schuster, executive director of the theater, has some innovative ideas on how to tackle the needs of the University of Wisconsin-Stout students.

Wireless Internet and a coffee shop are being added after Thanksgiving, lounge areas and an extended library are just a few new features to find at the new Mabel Tainter. With these features, Schuster is hoping to bring in more UW-Stout students.

The coffee shop will be contracted with On Fire Ovens, owned by Jenny Elliot and will provide coffee and food service in the public room in late November.

"The first thing I did was to discontinue locking the building up and started an open door policy", said Schuster upon his arrival into his executive director position three years ago.

This meant no more mandatory guided tours and people could come and go as they pleased. Schuster's only request is that visitors remain

respectful of the property during their unguided exploration.

Schuster has had many nationally recognized acts perform at the Mabel Tainter. He joked, however, "Some of us are in our 50s and are really not in tune with what students are listening to today," Schuster said. "If someone wants to see a certain band or DJ come in and play, just let me know and we will get them in here", Schuster emphasized.

UW-Stout student bands are also more than welcome to come and play at the newly renovated Mabel Tainter. "If there is a student band who wants a chance to play on a professional stage, have ticketing and marketing done for them, we will do it," Schuster said enthusiastically.

It could put some money into the band's pocket and could help strengthen the relationship with students, he thought.

For UW-Stout students only, \$6 rush tickets are available. A rush ticket can be purchased two hours before any show that is not sold out.

The tickets are not confined to any section; rush seating is available wherever there are open

seats, which could be in the front row, according to the Schuster.

With tickets for professional theatre now ranging near \$100, shows at the Mabel Tainter are a deal at \$24, and a steal at \$6 for students.

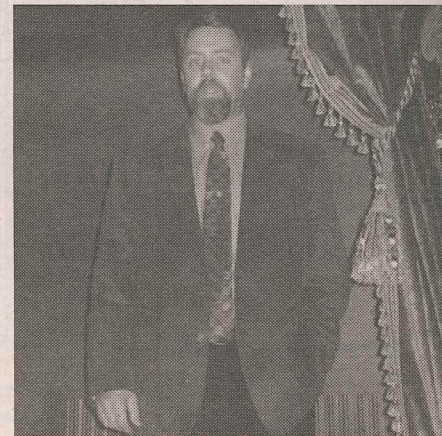
"The rush ticket is a cheap way to see a professional show," said Schuster. This is another way that the Mabel Tainter is trying to reach out to UW-Stout students.

Because of the current hours of operation from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., it has been hard to accommodate students in the past. But with the new hours of operation being instituted sometime in November, this will change. The new hours of operation will be 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., which gives UW-Stout students a new, cultured place to study.

UW-Stout groups, whether they are a small study group or large meeting groups, are also welcome at the Mabel Tainter. "We have several data ports and wireless Internet in every room," Schuster said.

Groups of 15 people or more are encouraged to call and make a reservations to ensure that a location and time is available.

Thinking of hosting a reception or dinner at an upcoming show? Schuster said that UW-Stout groups could have a private reception in the Public Room before, during and after a show. This



Lauren Jacobson/Stoutonia
"We are very serious about a community partnership with the University" says Gary Schuster, executive director of the Mabel Tainter.

convenience would be a \$50 an hour charge, but would be provided free of charge to university organizations.

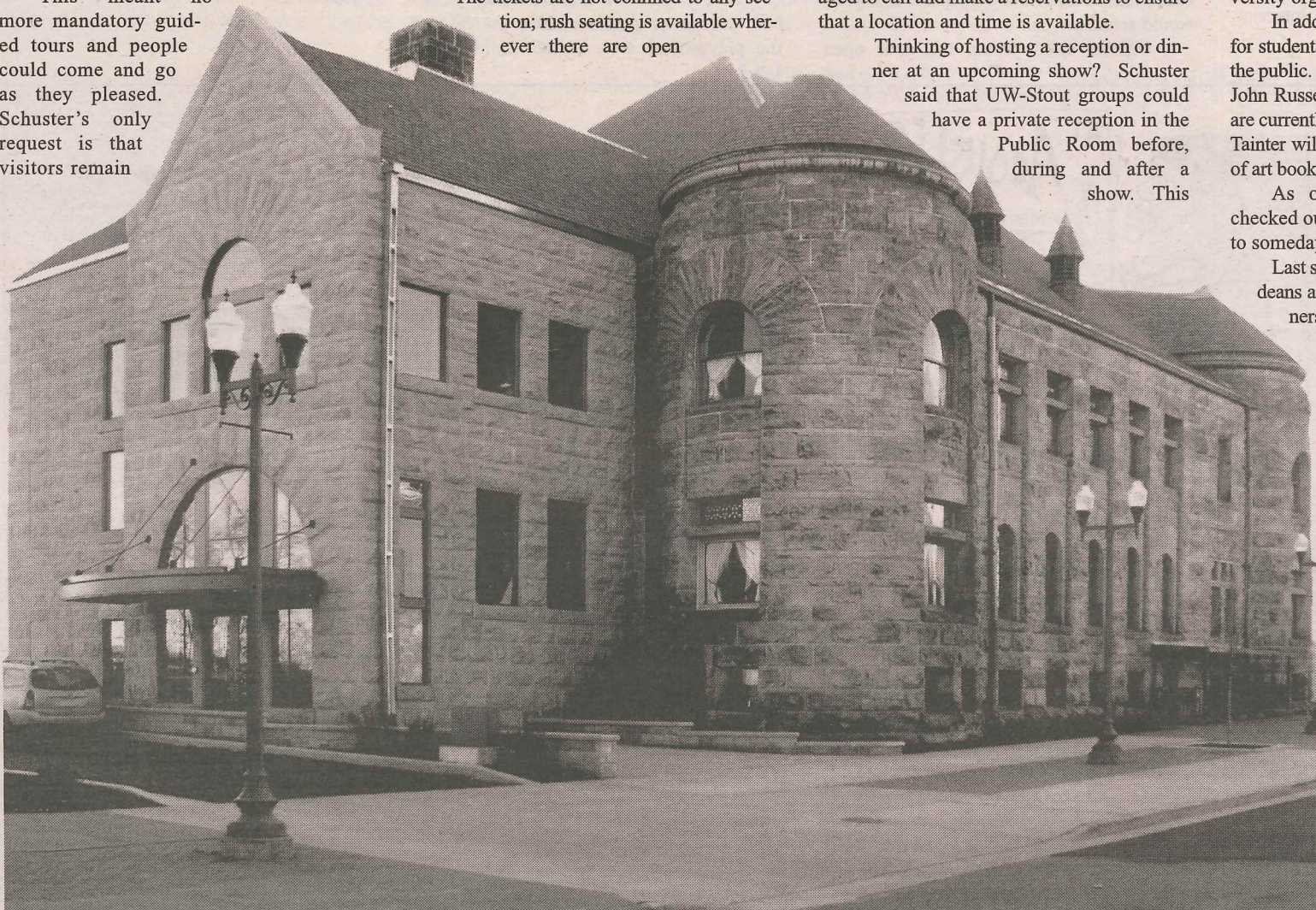
In addition to the available meeting space for students, the Library for the Arts is open to the public. It contains mainly art history books. John Russell's collections of vaudeville books are currently featured in the library. The Mabel Tainter will be purchasing about \$3,000 worth of art books in the upcoming months.

As of now, library books can't be checked out, but Schuster said that they hope to someday become a lending library.

Last spring Schuster met with UW-Stout's deans and provosts to discuss possible partnerships between the university and theater. Exchanging free classroom and meeting space in return for access to the daily student e-mails was one deal that Schuster was trying to propose to the university.

Individual faculty and staff from the university have been putting forth effort to help the theater with their advertising endeavors. Private donations have come in and professors like Mark Pruett and Stephanie Graber have brought their classes in to experience the theater.

While the history of the Mabel Tainter can never be dismissed, Schuster wants the new Mabel Tainter to help shed the "town and gown mentality," that he feels separates the town from the university. "If we step forward and say 'no' to that thinking, and we want to embrace the university, good things will follow."



Bob Lindberg/Stoutonia



Submitted Photo

A= view of the newly renovated theatre as seen from the boxseats on second floor.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 3 @ 2:00 p.m. – Colleen Raye's "Girls of the Hit Parade"
- Nov. 10 @ 7:30 p.m. – Paul Mabon Sr. and James 'Cornbread' Harris "Interview with Paul Robeson"
- Nov. 16 @ 7:30 p.m. – Cowboy Crush
- Nov. 17 @ 7:30 p.m. – Vicky Emerson and All-Man Band
- Dec. 2 @ 2:00 p.m. – The Memories "Holiday Show"
- Dec. 18 @ 7:30 p.m. – The Roches "Holiday with a Twist"
- Dec. 21 @ 7:30 p.m. – UW-Eau Claire Jazz Ensemble I "Christmas Day, My Favorite Day"
- Dec. 22 @ 7:30 p.m. – The Menomonie Five "A Night in December to Remember"
- Dec. 31 @ 7:30 p.m. – Second Annual "Emerging Artists Showcase" New Year's Eve Celebration

Construction Timeline

- Oct. 2003: Strategic planning with Board of Directors and staff; met with consulting firm
- Feb. 2004: Negotiated with city of Menomonie for project funds
- April 2005: Funding came through, begin public campaign
- Nov. 29, 2006: Groundbreaking ceremony
- Oct. 13, 2007: Grand Re-opening
- Nov. 17, 2007: Project Completion

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

Have a band and want experience playing on a professional stage? Want to suggest a band or someone specific to perform at the Mabel Tainter Theater? Contact Gary Schuster at Schuster@mabeltainter.com or call the Box Office at 715-235-0001.



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Mayor Kropp chips a piece of sandstone as part of the groundbreaking ceremony on Nov. 29.

Mabel Tainter History

The entire Mabel Tainter Theater renovation was a \$4.55 million project. It included upgrades of everything from the draperies to the electrical system, along with a complete structural renovation. The last time a renovation was done on the theater was in the 1980s.

In addition to the upgrades, an annex was added to the north side of the building to make the theater compliant with the ADA. Now functioning with an elevator to accommodate disabled people and provide public safety, the annex also provides a master staircase with access to all three floors of the theater.

Approximately \$3.75 million of the construction budget came from money that was donated or given through grants from the city of Menomonie, Wis. and Dunn County. Of the \$600,000 left to raise, \$200,000 will be awarded through the Jeffris Grant if the theater can raise the remaining \$400,000 on its own. This money will come through either the theater's Bravo! Campaign or other private donations.

The Mabel Tainter opened its doors in 1889 as a memorial to Andrew and Bertha Tainter's daughter, Mabel, who died three years prior to the construction of the theater. Mabel, being a lover of music and the arts, was the inspiration to her parents to build the Victorian-era Theater.

The Mabel Tainter Theater is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a designated Wisconsin Historical Marker Site, and a charter member of the League of Historic American Theaters. Still fully functioning after 120 years, the theater remains on its original site in downtown Menomonie.

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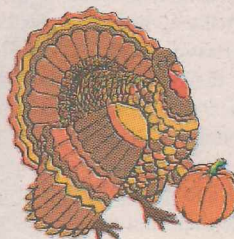
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College without drinking?

Brittany Bean
Staff Writer

Ever wonder what would happen if you quit drinking?

If you think that life would be a lot less fun, exciting or adventurous, then think about this: According to the Phoenix House website, the average college student spends about \$900 on alcohol each year.

Added up over a student's four years of college life, that is \$3,600 you could be saving and using for something else. Something like a Sony Bravia 52-inch High Definition Flat Panel LCD TV, which retails for \$3,499.99. Or a ticket for a main-level end zone seat at the 2008 Super Bowl XLII. How about installing a whirlpool with a Hydro massage system in your new apartment after graduation?

All of these are possibilities with the cash you would save from not drinking. If those benefits are not motivation enough,

then consider the many consequences you could encounter as a result of drinking.

According to a report released by the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Population Health Institute, Wisconsin adults have the highest alcohol use in the nation, and underage drinking rates also top national averages.

You've heard all the statistics about death, assault and sexual abuse that go along with unhealthy alcohol consumption. However, what about the less talked about consequences? Such as missing class, ruining an interview or failing to secure a job because of the underage drinking ticket you got freshman year?

These are less severe but still very damaging penalties.

Todd Paavola is the Project Coordinator for a Department of Education Grant that is directed toward reducing high risk drinking of first-year University of Wisconsin-Stout students.

"The choices that you make in college—even the judgment of putting things online—can affect you in the future, seriously," Paavola said. "Most don't think the underage drinking ticket is a big deal, but that will show up on their criminal record."

Amber Gerber, who is the coordinator of the alcohol and other drug education program at UW-Stout, has similar thoughts on the issue.

"Alcohol citations stay on a person's record for five years, and drunk driving is longer. Future employers take legal records into consideration when they're selecting employees," Gerber said.

With the help of the Internet, employers can now more easily discover the legal background of potential candidates.

One website—<http://wcca.wicourts.gov/index.xml>—is public domain and shows all Wisconsin court records and citations, including traffic, underage drinking and disorderly conduct. Any kind of ticket shows up on this website and anyone, including employers, can view them.

Paavola also commented that employees are using websites such as Facebook and online dating services to find the personal information about candidates that they can't find elsewhere.

This increase in an employer's ability to discover personal information should cause student's to think not only about what they're putting online but more importantly, about what they're using their college-years to do.

"You have to make a choice as to what you're here to do," Paavola said. "If people can learn to modify their drinking behaviors and concentrate on schooling, they'll perform better once they get out of college."

It's hard to see past college though, and many students use drinking as a way to fit in and meet new people their first year.

"Based on our focus group results," Paavola said, "The overwhelming rea-

son people reported for underage drinking is that it helped them approach people that they wouldn't otherwise be confident enough to approach."

While alcohol may boost confidence temporarily, it usually destroys it in the end.

Gerber commented that many students make "negative choices while under the influence that go against their values and usually lead to negative consequences."

One of those harmful consequences is doing poorly in school and then being unable to get a job after graduation.

"Being careful of what you do and how you're presenting yourself and the university is really critical for your success later in life," Paavola said.

Paavola completed his undergraduate degree at UW-Stout years back and remembers the party scene then and how it affected people.

"A lot of the patterns people are developing now will carry on in their professional life, and that can be dangerous. I know people who left this place who were heavy drinkers and they couldn't break out of that habit," Paavola said.

Those people, Paavola said, had a hard time advancing in their jobs, if they could get hired in the first place.

Behavior in college greatly affects your future, especially in the area of alcohol abuse. Gerber urges students to check out the Alcohol and Other Drug Education website (www.uwstout.edu/aod), which features an instrument called the "e-CHUG" that can calculate the impact alcohol use is having on students' finances, body image, and ability to succeed in school.

It also lists risk factors, how to make changes and many resources that are available to help a person struggling with alcohol use.

If the consequences and threats aren't enough to curb your thirst, just think about how much more fun you could have watching Dr. McDreamy in high definition or Brett Favre in person instead of being too hung-over to work.

For more information or help, students can contact Amber Gerber at gerbera@uwstout.edu

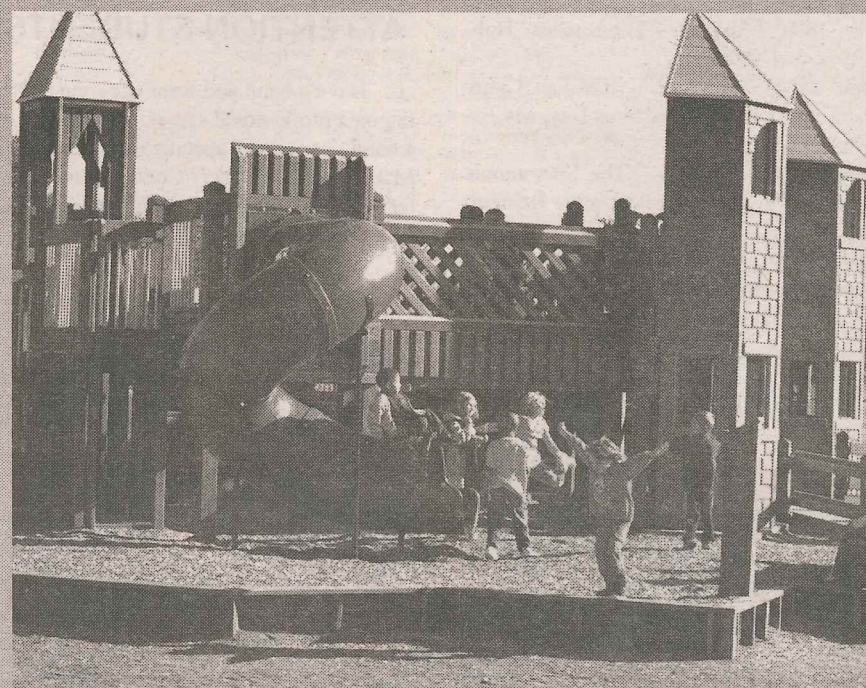
The Hard Facts

(for college students between the ages of 18–24):

- **Death:** 1,700 students die each year from alcohol-related unintentional injuries (Hingson et al., 2005).
- **Assault:** More than 696,000 students are assaulted by another student who has been drinking (Hingson et al., 2005).
- **Sexual Abuse:** More than 97,000 students are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape (Hingson et al., 2005).
- **Unsafe Sex:** 400,000 students had unprotected sex and more than 100,000 students report having been too intoxicated to know if they consented to having sex (Hingson et al., 2002).
- **Academic Problems:** About 25 percent of college students report academic consequences of their drinking including missing class, falling behind, doing poorly on exams or papers, and receiving lower grades overall (Engs et al., 1996; Presley et al., 1996a, 1996b; Wechsler et al., 2002).
- **Drunk Driving:** 2.1 million students drove under the influence of alcohol last year (Hingson et al., 2002).

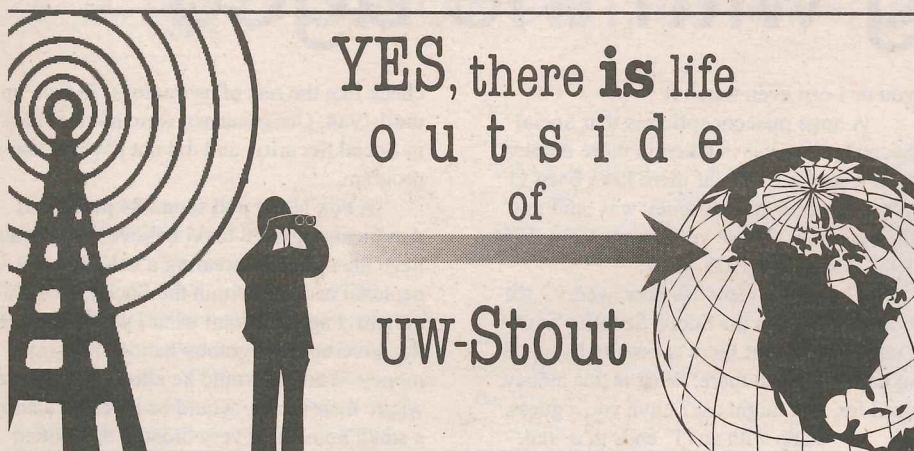
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Dragons and slides, oh my!



Evan Theurer/Stoutonia

The childrens' imaginations run wild at the new playground built for River Heights Elementary built last month as part of a fundraising effort by the city of Menomonie. Students and staff of UW-Stout pulled together with parents and community members to create this one-of-a-kind playground designed by the students of River Heights Elementary. The new playground features a Mabel Tainter "castle", viking ship and cheese shaped sandbox.



And the winners for this year's "Parents of the Year" award...

On Tuesday, Oct. 30, in Ypsilanti, Mich., a married couple was arrested for drunken driving—separately, within hours of each other. First the husband, then his wife.

Local police had pulled over the man and gave him a preliminary breath test after watching him run a red light. The breathalyzer registered above the legal .08. The man had his 12-year-old son in the car with him and police had to tell the boy to call his mother to pick him up.

The mother arrived with her 9-year-old daughter in the car. The police said the woman was tested and she too was found to

be legally drunk. Both children were turned over to a relative until the parents were determined to be sober.

Man caught performing lewd acts in public restroom. No word yet as to whether he's a Republican, but so far he does not appear to be a senator.

In Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a man was arrested after a government agent found him with his pants down in an office building restroom. 47-year-old Craig S. McCullough was lying on the floor next to an inflatable, anatomically correct doll. He was charged with indecent exposure.

The criminal complaint against McCullough says he was discovered in the public restroom by an agent for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency, which is one of the federal agencies that rents space in the office building.

McCullough's criminal record includes a 2004 conviction for burglarizing a bridal boutique. Shortly after the burglary, police officers found McCullough in a nearby alley, carrying a mannequin wearing a bridal dress.

Jury says it's okay for mothers to forcibly pierce their adolescent daughters' genitalia in order to discourage sex. Yes, you read that right.

From the Associated Press: A woman who had her 13-year-old daughter's genitalia pierced to make it uncomfortable for her to have sex was recently acquitted of aggravated child abuse.

The 39-year-old woman could have faced up to 30 years in prison if convicted of the charges. A jury deliberated for about three hours before deciding the mother's actions didn't involve punishment or malicious intent, or cause permanent damage or disfigurement.

The girl was not in court for the verdict. Her guardian declined comment.

Defense attorneys told jurors the mother had trouble with her rebellious daughter and the girl agreed to the piercing to help rebuild her mother's trust.

Child welfare officials were called after the girl became infected from the piercing.

[Insert pun about a prison break here]

Former "Prison Break" star Lane Garrison was sentenced to three years and four months in prison in a drunken driving crash that killed a teenager last December.

Garrison, 27, was driving a 2001 Land Rover on Dec. 2 when he lost control and rammied a tree. The crash killed his passenger Vahagn Setian, 17, a Beverly Hills High School student. Two 15-year-old girls in the car survived.

The actor pleaded guilty in May to one count of vehicular manslaughter without gross negligence, one count of driving under the influence with a blood-alcohol level of 0.15 percent or higher and a misdemeanor of providing alcohol to a minor.

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Social Security dying with the aged

Katie Kenner

Opinions Editor

Why is it that our generation doesn't care? Care about Social Security that is. It seems the general consensus of students I have talked with see no problems with the Social Security system. Maybe I am just talking to the wrong people. I see a HUGE problem with Social Security as it is now and apparently I am not completely nuts. A national poll by Harvard University's Institute of Politics found seven out of 10 American college students did not believe Social Security would pay out benefits when they retire.

The first baby boomers are starting to apply. In fact, just a few weeks ago, a retired school teacher from New Jersey applied for Social Security. She is the

first in a wave of baby boomers from the post era World War II to do so. Social Security Commissioner Michael Astrue called it "America's silver tsunami."

Kathleen Casey-Kirschling applied for benefits on October 15. Casey-Kirschling was born one second after midnight on Jan. 1, 1946, gaining her recognition as the first baby boomer. The baby boomers generation consists of nearly 80 million born from 1946 to 1964. An estimated 10,000 people a day will become eligible for Social Security benefits over the next two decades.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt found-

ed the Social Security system in 1935. The program has since reduced poverty among the elderly and provided retirement security to millions of American families. Originally the program was meant for retirees, but over the years Social Security has been amended to include survivors' benefits and benefits for the retiree spouses and children, as well as disability benefits.

Current retirees benefits are paid by those who are still working. For many years there were more people paying in then was

"It's a long-term problem that's going to need to be addressed. When the appetite to address it is that's going to be up to the members of Congress. I just want to remind people, it's not going away. It's not one of these issues, well, if we don't deal with it now, maybe it will fix itself. It gets worse over time, not better."

-President George W. Bush

taking out, however, things are about to change. People are living longer; drawing more benefits than ever before and have fewer children, which means fewer workers to pay into the system. In 2017, the system will begin paying out more than it takes in. This will ultimately result in drastically higher taxes, reduced benefits, increased debt or cuts to other critical government programs. Unless, of course, they get rid of Social Security altogether, or it just disappears into oblivion. It is said that Social Security will be broke by 2042. I'll be a ripe age of 56. Hmm Social Security gone before

you or I can even touch it.

A huge misconception is that Social Security has always taken in more money than it paid out. So far there have been 11 years in which more money was paid out than taken in. Those years were 1959, 1961, 1962, 1965, and 1975-1981.

The government has borrowed 1.7 trillion dollars from the Social Security Trust Fund. That means there is essentially a pile of paper IOUs in there. What is this money used for, you might ask? Give you a guess, starts with an "I" ends in a "raq." Yup that's right the government borrows from the fund to pay for war, education and welfare. Maybe their excuse is that if we pay for war, we will kill off enough people there, then we will educate who's left and hope they can be smart enough to save for the future, and if not the back-up plan is WELFARE! Maybe they should change the 6.2 percent tax back to the Economic Security Act (the original name of Social

Security) which would fit the act better as it serves as the government's economic security.

President Bush has proposed changes in Social Security to create private accounts, but the proposal has gone nowhere in Congress. Imagine that! You want to know the dirty truth on why it went nowhere in Congress? I'll give you one guess, PENSIONS and Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). Why would Congressmen care about the middle class? For one, Congressmen are rich, and second, they get their lovely government pensions when they retire so there is no need for them to get a lowly social security

check like the rest of us minions. In fact, up until 1984, Congressmen were not included in Social Security and did not pay into the program.

A Fox News poll found 84 percent of Americans ages 18 to 55 believe they should have the option of creating a voluntary personal account within the Social Security system. I agree. I want what I pay in. I want the government's grubby hands off of my money. Workers would be allowed to decide where their money would be invested among a small number of very broadly diversified index funds. Personal retirement accounts would be voluntary and for those who wish not to participate would be allowed to continue to draw benefits from the traditional Social Security system. A voluntary personal account would be invested in a mix of conservative bond and stock funds. For more information about personal retirement accounts visit www.strengtheningsocialsecurity.gov.

Casey-Kirschling said her generation won't let Social Security fail. "I think the baby boomers will want to get this fixed," she said. "They're going to want to take care of their children and their grandchildren." That is the biggest bunch of b.s. I have ever heard, sure they might care but will they help us out? Can they help us out? Most baby boomers will probably laugh all the way to the bank with their checks thinking that our so called lazy, pathetic generation can fend for ourselves. I can't blame them for being born nor can I blame them for taking out Social Security, it's not their fault the government borrowed/stole from us. This is going to be OUR generation's problem.

Dark Towers... an epic series from Steven King

Lee Balko

Staff Writer

Last time I wrote an article about how Stephen King's movie adaptations were not very well made. I would like to continue along the King subject in this next article. Of all the King's books I have read, the Dark Tower series is without a doubt the pinnacle of his work. The Dark Tower series is first and foremost, a seven book series that has more in common with The Lord of the Rings than it does with horror.

King has always said the series wrote itself. When he first started writing back in his college years, he had no idea just how big the Dark Tower would become, to his readers and to himself. When he was growing up, he always wanted to write an epic book series. His only problem was that he wasn't ready to write his own epic.

So he waited awhile and published the "Gunslinger", the first in the series, in 1982.

The book introduced Roland Deschain, the main character in the series. He was the last of the "Gunslingers," a knightly group of people who existed before the world "moved on". Wars engulfed all the mighty nations. Time didn't flow in an orderly fashion. All the readers knew at that point was that Roland was chasing the "man in black" across the desert. If Roland could catch the man in black, he would be one step closer to the Dark Tower, the true quest of Roland.

The book has a major cutoff ending, which I'm sure will please a lot of people. Stephen King wrote the next two books, "The Drawing of the Three" and "The Wastelands," in 1987 and 1981. These next two books introduced some more characters that would team up with Roland on his quest for the Dark Tower. It is now assumed that if Roland can reach the Dark Tower, he can save the world. We don't know how or why yet. The fourth book, "Wizard and Glass,"

(1997) goes back in time to describe Roland as a child and his first love. It also discusses how the world was before it moved on. Many people liked this book because it finally gave some back story to the series. Other people didn't like this book because it was too much of a love story. I, however, think it is a good book.

By now you might have noticed the lengthy gaps between books. King was taking some major time to write these books. In the summer of 1999, he got hit by a car when he was on his nightly walk. After he recovered from, he decided to finish up the books once and for all. He published the last three in 2003 and 2004, thus ending the series.

One of the coolest things is that all of King's other books were somehow related to the Dark Tower series. Some examples include: "The Stand," "It," "The Shining," "Desperation," "Cell," "Salem's Lot," and "Insomnia." The main bad character in "The

Stand" is one of the main bad characters in this series. It's just amazing to see how all of his books tie together the Dark Tower. Again, I don't want to spoil anything.

King followed in Lord of the Ring's creator Tolkien's steps in a number of different ways, the most significant being the fact that King thought up a second language for this book. He called this language the high speech. He created some phrases and words that he would use throughout the series, such as ka, which means destiny, and Can-Toi, which means "low men". King has said that the series was based mostly off a poem written by Robert Browning, Child Roland to the "Dark Tower Came." He also said that Clint Eastwood was a major source of inspiration for the character of Roland.

If you want to find out more about this series, simply go to www.stephenking.com/dark-tower. I would recommend this book to anyone who liked The Lord of the Rings or even the Harry Potter series.

Packaged Halloween, where has the imagination gone?

Kit Williams
Staff Writer

Ever notice how Halloween has come to have two different meanings? There is the one for kids, where you dress up as a vampire, devil or witch. Then you go off trick-or-treating, come home and compete to see who got the most and the best candy. And then there is the one for college students, and sometimes adults- we get to dress up of course, but the costumes are very different and we don't get candy. Often we go out to bars or parties in our costumes instead of trick-or-treating. But the costumes themselves; have you ever taken a good look at them, and how not only they are dramatically different from the kids, but that 75 percent of those worn come from a package?!!

Right now I'm going to focus on kids' costumes: kids' costumes have changed so much since we were kids. I mean, when I was a kid, we always put together our own costumes, buying stuff as we found what we wanted, each one individual and unique from the other, even if there were 10 other Draculas or Robin Hoods- each one would be put together with its own individuality while still being based off the same idea. One time my mom and I hand-painted my brother's entire face as Dracula's, with the blood, evil eyes, the works. Sadly, I don't have a picture. Another very good and very laughable example of how people would invent their own costumes was back in high school when there was the "best

costume contest". A couple decided to dress up as Tinker Bell and Peter Pan. Seriously, she must have conned him into it somehow, because guys don't wear tights for no reason. These two stories prove my point- sometimes the best costumes are the ones you invented yourself, those self-designed ones. In fact, I'm pretty sure they won the contest for these one-of-a-kind, and most surely original costumes. One thing I know for sure is that they didn't unwrap these things from a plastic bag, and just put them on.

I am not saying that I despise the costumes that are premade and found at Hot Topic, Spencer's, J.C. Penny's or where ever else you may find one. In fact, I kind of like the fact that they have such good ideas for cool costumes- I mean, when else do you get the chance to be a naughty cop, French maid, Playboy Bunny, sexy she-devil or naughty nurse? Not in everyday life!

I know I said that I dislike premade costumes, but you can't say they aren't fun to wear. Of course they are!!! They are sexy and scandalous. They are cute, body-baring and you get to be somebody else that you can't be in normal life...and not get stereotyped for it, but cheered on the sexier and more scandalous the outfit. For men, there is everything from Elvis to hippies, from pirate to jail inmate.

But back to the subject- costumes now come in packaged form, each one the same,



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with all the extras to make it what it is- the crown, cape, wand, what have you. There is no imagination required, no individual renditions or ideas of what your costume should be- even if they are incredibly cute. I mean, don't you feel better when you invent an unbelievably cute costume rather than go to a store and buy it? However, we have somehow got it into our minds that when it comes to Halloween, we go to the store, whether it's Hot Topic or J.C. Penny's, to find the costume we want. One that is pre-packaged, no work or imagination required- it has all been done for you. And there you go- you have them all laid out in front of you- packaged, pretty, perfect and ready to put on. All that is needed is possibly a little ironing. Perhaps you and

your best friend pick out the same one. Now, I ask you- was there any imagination going on at this point? Have we achieved that individuality by buying the same costume that a zillion other kids have? Our own imagination or unique concept of what the Corpse Bride really does look like? Or did some designer make this for us? Where has our imagination gone? Now, maybe I'm just saying this because I'm an art minor and love to invent new and individual things, putting my personal signature on my work. But then maybe I'm just someone who doesn't like to conform- even though it may be easier and tempting at times.

letters to the



Dear editor,

This year is the first that I've really paid a lot of attention to the Stoutonia and for the most part I've been impressed. Many of the articles, while they don't particularly interest me a lot of the time, are well written and deserve the attention brought to them through the exposure a newspaper can provide.

There was one article, however that I found was a bit over the top in the opinions section. In the article, "No longer a game but an entertaining carnival..." I found myself agreeing with the opinions expressed by the writer for the first column and a half. Being a football fan my entire life I can understand the frustration and distaste with all of the unnecessary frills that seem to surround all sports, not just football. After the initial problems with horrible choice for musical performances (a lot would say having musical performances at all at a football game is horrible, a fact which I'm compelled to agree with more and more), extended pre-

and post-game coverage, and the extremes some organizations go to catch the attention of different audiences, the article all of a sudden took on a very complaining tone.

The next topic covered, the referees of the NFL and their lack of correct decision making. The reality is although there are a lot of penalties that come as questionable, the NFL has yet to have any type of true scandal that compares to the NBA, and at least they are on the forefront of instant replay. The NFL could be like baseball, with no instant replays to get calls right. Even in a restricted form, with how many calls are based on judgment in baseball that shouldn't be, there would be a dramatic increase in correct calls made and less controversies. Highlighted in this post-season with a call on a fair/foul ball that should have been looked at again, how can somebody 50 plus feet away possibly pinpoint where a ball with a diameter of 3 inches lands? The fact remains, although you may not like the guidelines that NFL referees follow, they are still ahead of the game and as close to fair as a rational person can expect.

Another point that was attacked in the article was the way the NFL celebrated breast cancer awareness. While I agree that it may have been a bit over the top to have

Brett Favre's wife, Djanna, be an honorary captain for a team, it is still a major topic. Football, a sport attracting more and more female fans everyday is obligated financially and morally to bring little bit of the national spotlight to the topic. I applaud the NFL in its efforts to help the female population in this battle.

The bottom line is that while time has passed, the NFL has adapted to the times. Some changes die-hard fans, such as myself, would rather not have seen, while some of the changes are aimed at the much broader, new audience members such as my girlfriend. People see something growing so massively in American culture are forced to take a look at it, and depending on what they see could become one more strong supporter of our true national pastime. Instead of looking at what comes across as boring and unnecessary, just ignore it, and focus on the great things sports bring to us. If enough people would just show indifference toward a lot of these high-cost frills, eventually organizations will cut costs and bring us the true, hard-hitting, competitive sport that we've come to love.

Jedediah Williams
University of Wisconsin- Stout Student

Dear editor,

As I plotted out my Spring Break plans for this coming year, I noticed something disturbing; our break falls on the same week as Easter this year! Historically, we've always had a week off for spring break and a separate Friday off for Easter. I want to know why our beloved, university is forcing students to choose between spending time with their families on Easter and going on a spring break trip with their friends.

Tony Wind
University of Wisconsin-Stout
Student

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zombie socrates

Hey, kids, it's me: Zombie Socrates. I'm back from the dead and in Menomonie for the time being, so I thought I could do my part for society by giving advice to you young whippersnappers and answer any questions you might have about the meaning of life, truth, justice, girlfriend/boyfriend squabbles or anything in between. The shop is open, so ask away!

Who is the eggman you spoke of a couple weeks ago?
-Alaska citizen

Dear citizen:
The eggman has been around for decades. I guess he just has a lust for fresh eggs. I interviewed him about 2 years ago and it was pretty interesting. He claimed that nobody understood him and that he was depressed. When I asked him why, he just said that the local supermarket had stopped selling the eggs that he liked so much. Then I asked him why he was wearing a clown suit. To that he didn't have a response...

What kind of transportation do you use?
-Student

Dear student:

I actually own a 1973 Dodge Charger (no big deal) and a teleporter. The teleporter allows me to teleport wherever I feel the need to be. It is quite useful, but you have to be "dead" for it to work effectively.

What is a good way to pick up chicks?
-Single guy

Dear guy:

The most effective way for me is to stand outside their window and stare at them when they change. They like that a lot. Also, you could "stalk" them, but be sure to remain hidden. When a girl realizes that you care about her enough to follow her around constantly, she will fall for you like a bag of rocks.

Why do libraries always have to be so quiet? I don't like it.
-Student

Dear student:

Libraries are quiet because of the great library god. This spirit controls all libraries and she demands silence because she is constantly sleeping. Except when she wakes up, at which time she demands a human sacrifice. (That is why they are constantly hiring)...so be sure to remain quiet! Or the spirit will eat your heart out while you watch.

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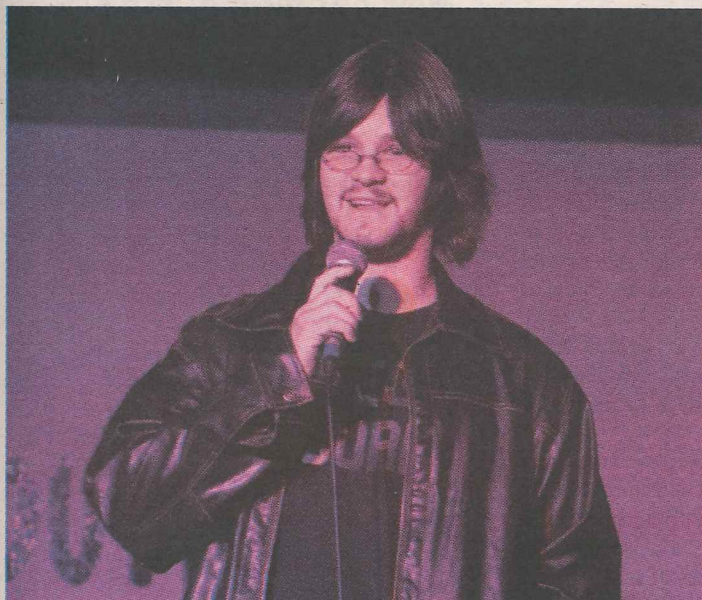
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Another great Open Mic Night



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia



Thursday, Oct. 25 ended in another successful Open Mic Night, hosted by the Blue Devil Production crew in The Underground. A variety of University of Wisconsin-Stout student entertainers graced the stage.

Kyle Kingston, a former Editor in Chief of this very publication, tried his best at enraging the crowd with his angry standup comic act. The rest of the acts were musicians, some of which were soloists Jeff Carpenter, Josiah Erickson and a student who referred to himself as "WE1."

Artists pictured are soloist Andy Liddell (top left), Rawfkopter's keyboardist (top right) and the Aristocrats (bottom).

The next Open Mic Night is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, same time, same place.

The Wire Top

Upcoming Music - Movies - Games

Events

Nov 1st, '07:

- The Daredevil Christopher Wright, 8pm, the Underground FREE
- Nu Funk Mafia, 10pm Waterfront FREE
- Merchant's Choir of Ardenal, Norway Concert, Our Savior's Lutheran Church Menomonie 7pm FREE

Nov 2nd, '07:

- Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix 7pm Applied Arts 210 FREE

Nov 3rd, '07:

- Colleen Raye's "Girls of the Hit Parade" 2pm/7:30pm \$16

Nov 7th, '07:

- Belly Dancing Classes @ The Dance Connection 6pm FREE

Nov 8th, '07:

- Little Marsh Overflow, Waterfront 10pm FREE
- The Alarmists with Hyland The Underground 8pm FREE

Nov 10th, '07:

- Paul A Mabon Sr. & James Cornbread Harris, Mable Tainter, 7:30pm \$16
- Fat Maw Rooney, Waterfront 10pm FREE

Peanuts gang come to life on stage

Elena Griggs
Staff Writer

In the near future the University of Wisconsin-Stout theatre department will be producing the play "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" from Nov. 7 to 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Harvey Hall. This play is based off of the much-loved and internationally recognized comic strip "Peanuts" by Charles Schulz. The Peanuts gang characters jump off the funnies pages and spring to life in this performance, which explores both the funny and interesting aspects of Charlie Brown's everyday life.

This play, which may be one of the only successful plays based off of a well-known comic strip, includes a humorously diverse set of characters.

Lucy, who is the older sister of Charlie Brown, is the bossiest of the bunch.

She is also known to be a snobby, crabby and selfish girl who has one solitary soft spot for Schroeder, the aspiring pianist. Schroeder is a reserved boy who idolizes Beethoven.

Sally, Charlie Brown's little sister is a precocious and uninhibited blonde girl who adores Linus, also known as "Sweet Baboo." Although Linus displays childish traits like sucking his thumb and carrying around a security blanket, he is considered the intellectual of the group. Linus endlessly surprises his friends through his many philosophical revelations and innate problem solving skills. The security blanket that never leaves Linus's side may serve as the only means of comfort for him in a life riddled with abuse by his older sister Lucy.

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Elena Griggs/Stoutonia

Charlie Brown

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Snoopy, who is one of the most recognizable pop culture images outside of Charlie Brown, is a highly intelligent and spirited beagle with an incredible imagination. Last but not least is Snoopy's beloved master Charlie Brown whom he calls the "Round-headed kid."

Charlie Brown, who can never kick the football his sister holds for him, fly a kite successfully, or win the affections of the mysterious redheaded girl, manages to win everyone's heart through his losing ways. Even though things always seem to go astray, Charlie's spirit never gives up in his constant pursuit to overcome adversity. As the audience, we follow Charlie Brown as he tackles life's little problems and grows from those experiences. Each character comes together to contribute their own philosophical insight, greatly impacting each others' lives.

This year's fall play will be the 1999 revised version of the original, "You're a Good Man

Charlie Brown" play, which first came out in 1967. The revised version includes new orchestrations and several new songs. The twelve songs that were present in the original play will remain the same with the addition of two new songs "Beethoven Day," performed by Schroeder and Company, and "My New Philosophy," which is a duet between Sally and Schroeder.

The revised version of this play was so successful it succeeded in winning three Tony Awards, including one award for "Best Revival of a Musical".

Throughout the years, the lovable Peanuts characters have become long lasting pop culture icons that are recognized by almost everyone both nationally and internationally. Many people are very familiar with the unique traits of each individual character and can relate to them as they pursue happiness in a life full of troubles.

One of the strongest parts of this performance occurs toward the end when Charlie Brown and friends sing an affectionate song entitled "Happiness."

According to the theatre critic Mike Isaacson, "It is an enormously moving conclusion. This production like the comic strip is funny and wise in its articulation but astonishingly compelling in its effect. The final lyric is "Happiness is anyone and anything at all that's loved by you." A simple idea, that like this marvelous production, surprises you with its power, wisdom and joy."

There is a surprising amount of depth and complexity to the Peanuts gang. The entire play is based off of an average day in the life of Charlie Brown, and transcends what might be considered "average" when the characters reveal

their diverse and quirky traits along with their intriguing philosophical ideas on life. There are many talented people behind this seasons play.

Paul Calenberg directed, choreographed and designed all of the sets being used.

Mark Pruett, the musical director and lighting designer, and Sue King, the costume designer, have greatly contributed to helping to make this play come together successfully.

The iconic group of Peanuts characters will be played by the following UW-Stout students: Jon Schwartz as Charlie Brown, Maxwell Thao as Snoopy, Alex Clark as Linus, Lauren Prine as Sally, David Gorke as Schroeder, and Emily Nass as Dee. There are approximately 75 students working diligently both on and off stage to make this production possible.

Director Paul Calenberg explained why adults will be entertained and stimulated by this seemingly childlike production. "The Peanuts comic strip is very sophisticated and full of wit and philosophical insights that make it appealing to an audience of adults. Yes, children will love it and recognize the characters but the adults are really the ones, able to understand the underlying themes and insights into the human condition that Schultz addresses."

Calenberg promise that the production will be fast paced, full of laughs, music and dance that will make it a great evening of theatre for all.

There are those who are fans of the classic "Peanuts" comic strips and those who simply have an interest in comical musicals, and this nostalgic stage adaptation offers something for everyone.

Tickets for the "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown Play" can be purchased at the Memorial Student Center or one hour before the performance at Harvey Hall Theater.

Guitar Hero: Now a trifecta of ROCK

Brian Muller
Staff Writer

Available in stores now, the latest addition to the popular "Guitar Hero" franchise features new songs, competitive play, and a graphical overhaul for the next-generation systems.

The "Guitar Hero" video games bring the world of rock to the average consumer. Rhythm-based, "Guitar Hero" turns classic songs into note charts that continuously flow towards the bottom of the screen. As they reach the bottom, the five colored fret buttons on the guitar-shaped peripheral specifically designed for the games must be held down based on the notes approaching the bottom next, and a small strum bar must be flicked at the exact moment they hit. The game can be played with a regular controller, but it loses the appeal of feeling like a rocker that way.

Seventy-five new songs are included in "Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock". Fifty-one songs in that list are master recordings, while the remaining 20 are covers not performed by the original artist. Some highlights include Black Sabbath's "Paranoid", Guns N' Roses' "Welcome to the Jungle", and Metallica's "One." Within those 71 songs are three unique songs designed specifically for competitive play in the game's new battle mode. One of those songs is Steve Ouimette's "The Devil Went Down to Georgia."

The battle mode replaces the usual "Star Power" reward system, basically a multiplier for points earned while playing, with special attacks that can be activated against the opposing player. Some of these attacks are making the notes flash, flipping the notes to suit a left-handed person, or even increasing the song difficulty up a notch. Some of these attacks stay active for a period of time, while others must be removed by certain input by the player. The song ends when one player fails a song, usually due to the attacks by the opposing player.

Other new features include a completely redesigned graphic system, although it plays exactly as "Guitar Hero" always has. There is also a greater emphasis on cooperative play, with some songs exclusive to the cooperative career. Further on that is on-line play for many of the game modes, like Battle Mode. Another interesting feature is downloadable content, as the publisher Activision intends on continuing to support the game with new songs that can be purchased online.

"Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock" retails various prices depending on the system and if you purchase the guitar peripheral with it. It is available both with and without the peripheral, and is available on the Playstation 3, Xbox 360, the Wii, and Playstation II. The most notable difference between the consoles is that the Playstation II version has no on-line play, and both the PS II version and the Wii version have no downloadable content.



Who is your favorite
Peanuts character?

- Charlie Brown
- Snoopy
- Schroeder
- Lucy Van Pelt
- Sally
- Other _____

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Somethin' in the Atmosphere and Stout likes the smell

Amanda Katz
Staff Writer

No doubt about it, Atmosphere dominated the University of Wisconsin-Stout's campus on Oct. 23 along with fellow tour mates Luckyiam, Mac Lethal and Grayskul. The Everybody Loves a Clown tour kicked off Sept. 14 and will continue through Nov. 10. The tour has taken the guys across the country and back ending in less than two weeks in their hometown, Minneapolis.

The UW-Stout show sold out quickly, with over 900 attendees. This is the sixth time since 1999 that Atmosphere has returned to UW-Stout. Although this tour has taken them cross country, UW-Stout is the only college on their tour lineup. What does this say about us? We must have a pretty strong crowd of Atmosphere fans.

The show was unquestionably amazing in so many ways. First on, Luckyiam, aka Lucky, ran the stage with his own lyrical twist on hip hop.

Soon after that Mac Lethal brought on a more unruly tone, rapping about things like kissing girls, pounding beer and Kansas City. His rhymes are meant to be more fun and thought provoking yet serious at the same time.

Next came Grayskul, putting a darker spin on the show. Duo JFK and Onry Ozzborn spit songs off their new album "Bloody Radio," that was recently released Sept. 11, 2007. First released single Scarecrow blew away the crowd creating a complete state of chaos. Ozzborn explained that many people mistake Grayskul's rhymes as dark and sinister and stated, "Take time to actually listen, instead of judging us as a dark rap group. If you take the time, it's actually really positive stuff."

Finally, the moment everyone was waiting for, Atmosphere took a hold of the stage. The lineup was incredible, ranging from old school music like The Woman With The Tattooed Hands from their 2002 Lucy Ford CD to present day hits such as Sunshine from their

newest 2007 track Sad Clown Bad Summer Number 9. Lyricist Slug had the crowd hypnotized throughout his entire performance.

UW-Stout students were ranting and raving about the show for days after. Senior Danny Rohloff ecstatically stated, "Slug really ATM'ed the crowd here tonight at Stout." While others talked up some of the opening acts, like senior Kelly Haugen who said, "I liked Mac Lethal a lot; he was really down to earth and rapped about stuff that students can relate to."

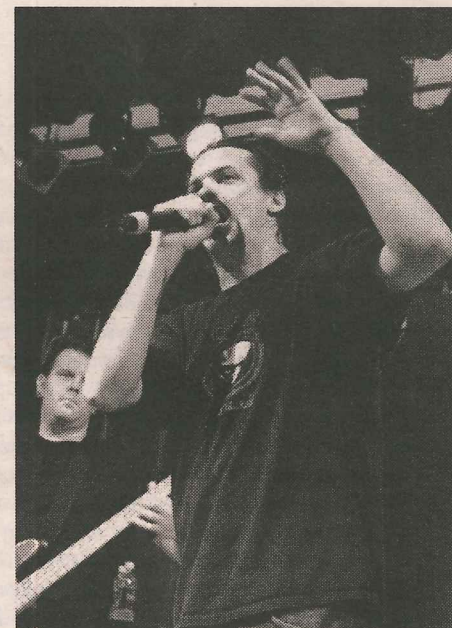
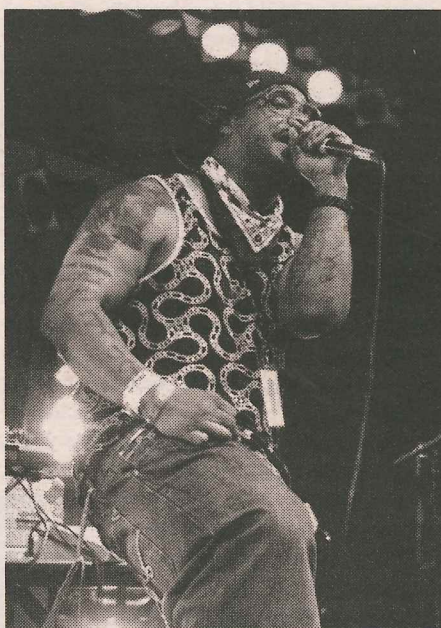
The show was undoubtedly a hit for UW-Stout students and the public. Hopefully next year UW-Stout will have the pleasure of hosting Atmosphere and company once again because it is inevitable that the show will sell out again and again.

Mac Lethal

Twenty-four-year-old McCleary Sheldon, known on stage as Mac Lethal, is one interesting Kansas City, MO native. He spent the early years of his life developing his love for hip-hop and takes his lyrics lightheartedly, bringing out different sides of situations that one normally wouldn't provoke. He is in-tune with his word choice which makes his fans roar. He recently released an album entitled Mac Lethal 11:11 this past Oct. 9, and is currently on tour with Atmosphere, Grayskul and Luckyiam.

Grayskul

MC's Onry Ozzborn and JFK make up the talented duo that is Grayskul. They formed Grayskul in early 2004 after meeting while doing some open mic at a club back in 1997. They've been on tours since 2000, this being their second with Atmosphere. Musical influences on the duo are performers such as NWA, Outkast and Organized Confusion. They recently released an album entitled Bloody Radio on Sept. 11, 2007 and are currently on tour with Atmosphere, Mac Lethal and Luckyiam.



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

Artists pictured are Luckyiam (top left), and Slug, the lead singer of Atmosphere (right and bottom). Each band rocked a full house in their own way on Advisement Day 2007 sold-out hip-hop show.

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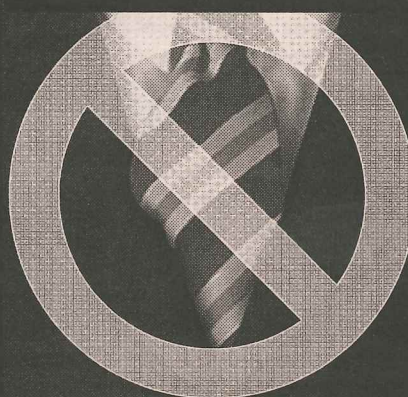
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Video puts Hillary in the spotlight

Elena Griggs
Staff Writer

One video, which is both shocking and revealing, will be making its debut on Nov. 5, exactly one day before we vote for our nation's president. This is a rare movie that has succeeded in exposing the corruption and lies behind one of the most powerful and influential female politicians in the United State's history.

"Hillary! Uncensored - Banned by the Media" is one of the first documentaries on Hillary Clinton, which follows the scandals and crimes committed by Hillary and her political friends during her 2000 Senate race. The main person responsible for exposing the unseen side of Hillary is Peter Paul, a once-successful Hollywood businessman who donated millions of dollars to Hillary's senatorial campaign.

After an article from the Washington Post came out about Paul and felony charges from two decades earlier, Hillary and her staff began to erase all traces of ever having any involvement with him. In this documentary, there are videos, photos and interviews that attest to the many frauds committed by Hilary and her staff, making it possible for her to win the senate race. This pivotal movie reveals the on going obstruction of justice that has kept Hillary in office.

The trailer of this movie captures the ways in which Hillary Clinton and her political associates systematically covered up the \$2 million Paul contributed to Hillary's 2000 senate campaign.

After the article from the Washington Post surfaced and Peter Paul's reputation was damaged, the trailer uncovered Hilary's process of wiping out all connections with Peter Paul. During one part of the trailer, in an ironic twist, Hillary's chief campaign finance director asks

Paul for \$100,000 after Hillary states to the media that she has never and will never take any money from Paul. The decep-

tion and lies build throughout the course of this trailer, questioning whether or not Hilary is worthy of being considered a quality candidate for the presidency.

This 13 minute trailer has already been viewed by well over one million people since it first became available on-line on July 18 of 2007. One of the most shocking aspects of this trailer includes a five minute taped conversation between Hillary Clinton and Peter Paul, proving that Hilary was illegally involved in a fundraiser that exceeded well over \$25,000.

According to John Armor, a constitutional law specialist, "It is considered a felony, punishable for up to five years in jail, for a candidate to be directly involved in this type of fund raising activity if it exceeds \$25,000, and the [Federal Election Committee] found that it exceeded \$1.2 million."

What may come as even more of a surprise is that in the filings that Hillary and her staff made with the FEC, they entirely omitted any reference to Peter Paul's contributions totaling \$2 million.

"This should be considered one of the largest election law frauds in the history of the United States," according to Armor.

Even though the majority of the media is not covering Peter Paul's story or talking about his powerful documentary, it is still available to anyone who can access the Internet. This potentially explosive video has already been shown at Harvard University and the trailer to this documentary video was rated most-viewed video on Google.com from Oct. 13 through Oct. 20.

Considering that the trailer itself has already been viewed by over one million people to date, it is logical to say that there is an obvious amount of public interest surrounding the not so public side of Hillary Clinton.

Concerning the allegations that Hillary accepted and later covered up the receiving of campaign contributions from Peter Paul, Hillary states, "I have no recollection whatsoever of discussing any arrangement with him where by he would support my campaign for the United States Senate ...because I believe I would remember such a discussion if it had occurred."

Even though Hillary claims that she doesn't "remember" whether or not she had a discussion with Peter Paul about the Hollywood fundraiser and the amount of funds that he contributed toward her campaign for the senate, everyone who watches this trailer will.

Now that Election Day is on the rise, people should continue to stay informed about the issues that matter most, in particular, the issue concerning the integrity of their future president.



Yes, Ashley Riederer goes to UW-Stout

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It was the Saturday after homecoming weekend and campus was almost void of any signs of life. All that separated freshmen alley from a ghost town was a squirrel trying to open a disposable plastic sandwich container and perhaps two or three freshmen who weren't cool enough to know it was an at-home weekend.

We meandered amongst the prison blocks that make up freshmen alley looking for Andy Hahn, the RA of second floor Chin-nock because we wanted to make sure the freshmen weren't becoming extinct. Instead, we found Ashley Riederer, an actual real-life freshman. We were shocked by this rare find.

"Ashley," we said, "can we interview you?" (We didn't actually say this because we didn't know her name or if she was just numbered like the rest of the freshmen.) We looked around the cubbyhole that was her living quarters. Her black curtains and black nail polish showed her dark side. Was she a Goth chick? Or was she simply trying to prove she was culturally sensitive? We'd soon find out.

We began with the standard questions such as, "Are you a fan of cats?" "Are you a fan of Amanda Katz?" "Are you a fan of a man with cats?" Then we moved on to more philosophical questions like, "Do you like sharing a bathroom with the 30 other girls on your floor?" And "Have you ever done a line of blow off a stripper's ass?"

When we actually figured out her name by asking her (after she refused giving us her social security card) she replied "Ashley Riederer."

"Riederer?" we repeated. "With two 'ers'?"

"Yeah, my ancestors were supposed to tell the Ellis Island people their name, Rieder, but they had a stutter," said Ashley, an art major from the city of Menasha, Wis., with an interior design emphasis who also graduated first in her high school class.

Nate asked, "Are you some sort of nerd?" Instead of specifying which type of nerd she was, she replied, "I was kind of a band geek." "Oh, so you were Goth then, I suppose?" we asked. "Yup," she said.

We don't really believe she's a nerd though. She has over a hundred Facebook friends, making her cool. That is more friends than Nate and A.J. combined have on Facebook. But even if she is cool, she is still an ignorant freshman because she doesn't even know that the sign is arbitrary. "What's your least favorite thing about Stout?"

"I like it all pretty well," she replied. She didn't even know the answer was supposed to be, "The clock tower that chimes four times per hour, 15 hours per day, that should have been given up for Lent 54 years ago."

Ashley cusses worse than a gangster rapper with Tourette's syndrome and her favorite phrase is, "WT f***?" F*** stands for *uck or "fuc*." For further clarification, it rhymes with "muck," "suck," "cluck" "buck" (the deer, the dollar meaning and the bar), "puck" and "Chinnock."

As our experience with this freshman came to a close, we realized not all freshmen are men. In fact, some are not men. And they don't all chew Copenhagen snuff. Most freshmen are people too, not something to be mocked all the time. After this interview, we found that freshmen can be lovable and worth briefly talking to.

So when a freshman walks by, say, "Hey there! I heard you're loveable," and give him or not him a free hug. If you happen to be a freshman, remember, child support takes 17 percent of your net income.

The Niche is alive

Nathaniel Fellows
Staff Writer

The Niche, a store ran by retail merchandising students, is open again for the fall semester.

The Niche is more than just a store; it is a practicum class for retail merchandising students. Students don't get paid for working at The Niche; rather they earn four credits and only have to attend class once a week.

At The Niche students learn how to run a retail business. Eight to 16 students that work there each semester who do everything from cleaning and stocking the shelves to purchasing items that will be sold in the store.

The Niche carries everything from pop (soda if you're not from the Midwest) and snacks to cards and apparel. All of the merchandise that The Niche carries ranges from \$1 to \$40.

The operating manager, Marcus Jon Plana, claims that The Niche has the cheapest

Store re-opens

pop on campus because they don't have to pay any of the students that work there; therefore, they don't have to mark their products up as much as other stores.

The money that The Niche makes goes back into the store. It pays for updates and improvements that the store may need. The University of Wisconsin-Stout also helps out The Niche because they don't charge rent for the store or make the store pay the utilities.

Students have been operating The Niche for about 20 years now. The Niche currently buys some of its merchandise from Fare Trade because Fare Trade is a company that treats and pays factory workers better than many other companies. The Niche feels that buying from this company is the right thing to do.

The hours of The Niche are nine a.m. to five p.m. Monday through Thursday. Find out more information at www.uwstout.edu/student/theniche.

Around the world in columns | A taste of India

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

To leave home and experience a new culture, country, and especially new cuisine isn't easy. This difficult move is one that student's across the world seek to make during their college career.

Chandrakanth Belde, a graduate student in the food and nutrition science program, is a student that has made the move to the United States from Hyderabad, a city in the southern part of India.

The differences between Indian cuisine and American foods are quite remarkable. Belde stated that the biggest difference is that here, the food is mostly non-vegetarian, and foods containing bread are highly common.

In India, however, vegetarian foods are eaten daily. Meats are reserved for Sundays and various special days.

Staple foods in the Indian diet include varieties of rice, a variety of curries, Ildy (steamed rice cakes),

Chappati (an unleavened Indian flat-bread made with wheat flour, water, oil and salt, usually cooked on a "tava" or thick griddle and brushed with "ghee;" a clarified butter),

Upma (spiced semolina cooked with or without tiny cubed potatoes, peas, and sometime shrimp and garnished with freshly grated coconut and cilantro),

Masala (spices, herbs and other seasonings ground or pounded together), as well as a variety of foods that include both rice and curry spices.

This flavorful cuisine brings Belde to a

very interesting reflection on the differences between an Indian and American diet.

He said, "Usually we plan our breakfast before a day, but here it is so busy that whenever people want to eat, they buy food from a dining centre/subway/burger king etc. In our country, we cook our own meals.

"We dine out only once or twice in a month. We don't eat any non-vegetarian foods they are eating here. It might seem to be crazy here, but we think of cow as our god; we never eat beef or pork."

These words eloquently remind us that culture and cuisine are of deep importance and value to the presence of individuals worldwide. The experience of a new culture and its food can be unbelievably scary. However, it is an experience each person should have.

Once the initial fear of new places and faces subsides, in its place is a deeper appreciation for the world and the people that exist in it. No bad can come from an appreciation such as that.

If the idea of Indian cuisine is intriguing, try the Flavor of India restaurant in Eau Claire. This unique restaurant offers a lunch buffet, as well as an extensive collection of authentic Indian cuisine, both vegetarian and non-vegetarian.

The Flavor of India is located on 2903 Hendrickson Drive, Eau Claire, Wis. To partake in the Indian food experience, make reservations by calling (715) 836-9750.



Masala Dosa

Ingredients:

- 1 cup plain rice
- 1 cup partially cooked rice
- 1/4 cup chickpeas
- 1/2 tsp. fenugreek seeds
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup curds the batter
- 10-12 tps. ghee or oil



Method:

- Wash the rices and chickpeas together
- Add plenty of water and fenugreek seeds
- Allow to soak for 7-8 hours or overnight
- Rewash rice by draining water 2-3 times
- Grind to a paste
- Add baking soda and salt and mix well
- Keep aside in warm place for 8-10 hrs.



Method continued:

- Pour a tsp. of ghee or oil over it
- Spread chutney spread over dosa
- Place a tbsp. of masala in the center
- Fold into triangle to cover masala
- Remove with spatula when crisp
- Serve hot with chutney and/or sambar



Method continued:

- Beat the curds
- Add to the batter add more water if required
- The consistency of the batter should be enough to thickly coat on a spoon when dipped
- Heat the iron griddle well
- Pour a spoonful of batter in center spread with back of spoon until thin



Chutney Spread

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup grated coconut
- 2 flakes garlic
- 1 tsp. red chili powder
- 1 tbsp. ground nuts
- 1 long bean tamarind
- 1/4 tsp. turmeric
- Grind all ingredients together to form firm chutney

Makes: 10-12 dosas of 7" diameter

Shelflife: Batter 3 days in refrigerator

Chutney: 2 days Masala: 1 day



Masala

Ingredients:

- 2 onions cut in vertical slices
- 2 potatoes boiled, peeled
- 2 tbsp. oil
- 4-5 green chillies
- salt to taste
- 1 tbsp. chopped coriander
- 1/2 tsp. each chickpeas, cumin, mustard seeds
- 8-10 cashews halved
- 1/4 tsp. turmeric

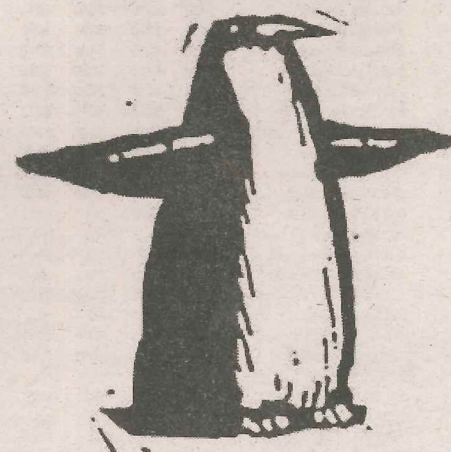


Method:

- Chop potatoes coarsely
- Chop green chillies
- Heat oil, add cashews and brown lightly
- Add chickpeas, seeds and cumin
- Add chillies and onions
- Fry until tender
- Add turmeric, salt, potatoes, coriander
- Mix well



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1 n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #6	\$195	\$195	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	4 1	1606 10th Street	\$550	\$138	\$720	\$180	New siding, washer/dryer, off-street parking	H
1 n/a	220 12th Avenue West	\$230	\$230	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, washer/dryer, off street parking,	SR	4 1	1115 14th Avenue	\$600	\$150	\$780	\$195	Large rooms, washer/dryer, screened-in porch, garage	H
1 n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #5	\$240	\$240	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	4 1	915 Main Street	\$600	\$150	\$800	\$200	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
1 1	119 West Main Street #1	\$285	\$285	\$360	\$360	Large efficiency, close to campus and downtown	3	4 1	1120 15th Avenue	\$620	\$155	\$770	\$193	Good sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	\$290	\$290	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG, HW, storage, close to campus, great view	6	4 1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	\$820	\$205	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
1 1	702 4th Street	\$295	\$295	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	6	4 1	309 14th Avenue West	\$700	\$175	\$900	\$225	Washer/dryer, extra room for storage, parking, good location	H
1 1	802 6th Avenue #1	\$315	\$315	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	4 1	921 Main Street #1	\$740	\$185	\$910	\$228	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
1 1	802 6th Avenue #2	\$315	\$315	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	4 2	516 19th Avenue W	\$750	\$188	\$1,000	\$250	Large, split-level, 2 living rooms, washer/dryer, parking+182	D
1 1	115 1/2 West Main Street	\$320	\$320	\$395	\$395	Nice, large apartment, close to campus and downtown	3	4 1	1216 6th Street	\$820	\$205	\$1,000	\$250	Good sized rooms, front porch, parking, across from campus	H
1 1	802 6th Avenue #3	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	Nice sized efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #1	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #2	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$345	\$345	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$350	\$350	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities & parking, private entrance	8	4 2	1319 8th Street	\$825	\$206	\$1,025	\$256	Nice, good sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6	4 1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice sized rooms, washer/dryer	H
1 1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	n/a	n/a	Large, upper duplex with den & parking, great location	D	4 2	1415 8th Street East	\$860	\$215	\$1,110	\$278	Nice house, recently upgraded, W/D, lots of parking	D
1 1	1520 7th Street	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D	4 2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,195	\$299	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Efficiency apartment, includes WSG & heat, great location	A	4 1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	Large apt, good sized rooms, W/D, parking, great location	D
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8	4 1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A	4 2	1702 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,100	\$275	Spacious house, huge rooms, den, W/D, off-street parking	H
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes WSG & parking, very close to campus	A	4 1	2235 South Broadway	\$920	\$230	\$1,120	\$280	Great house, good sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes parking, WSG & heat	A	4 1	1114 7th Street	\$950	\$238	\$1,150	\$288	Nice house, front porch, garage, washer/dryer, nice yard	H
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$415	\$415	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8	4 2	1301 9th Street	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Beautiful house, remodeled, W/D, garage, porch & deck	H
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	\$435	\$435	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt w/ parking, WSG & heat incl., close to campus	A	4 2	602 12th Avenue East	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Large bedrooms, washer/dryer, close to campus, parking	D
1 1	421 Wilson Avenue #3	\$445	\$445	n/a	n/a	Nice apt w/ private entrance & parking, WSG, HW & heat incl.	6	4 1.5	1615 7th St	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Nice house, great location, deck, washer/dryer, garage	H
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #7	\$475	\$475	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt, includes utilities & parking, private entrance	8	4 2	400 18th Avenue	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Cute house, nice deck, big corner lot, washer/dryer, garages	H
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$495	\$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking.	8	4 2	1317 8th Street	\$1,040	\$260	\$1,240	\$310	Great house, den, W/D, carport, deck, good location	H
1 1	1506 1/2 6th Street	\$330	\$165	\$430	\$215	Great location, enclosed front porch & built-in storage	D	4 2	332 1/2 Main Street	\$1,050	\$263	\$1,250	\$313	Huge! Fantastic apt, washer/dryer, deck, car port/parking	H
2 1	1218 9th Street	\$350	\$175	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex w/ washer & dryer, parking, close to campus	D	5 1	1120 1/2 15th Avenue	\$680	\$132	\$840	\$168	Very large rooms, washer/dryer, nice yard, parking	D
2 1	113 West Main Street	\$360	\$180	\$460	\$230	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3	5 1.5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, lots of parking	H
2 1	921 Main Street #2	\$360	\$180	\$500	\$250	Good location, parking, nice sized rooms, porch	4	5 2	512 19th Avenue West	\$750	\$150	\$1,000	\$200	Large, split-level, 2 living rooms, off-street parking, storage	D
2 1	921 Main Street #4	\$360	\$180	\$500	\$250	huge rooms, lots of parking, porch, good location	4	5 2	405 20th Avenue	\$900	\$180	\$1,080	\$216	Nice, modern house, washer/dryer, attached garage	H
2 1	115 West Main Street	\$370	\$185	\$490	\$245	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3	5 2	1521 8th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,145	\$229	Nice sized rooms, new paint, W/D, big yard, good location	H
2 1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$375	\$188	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, gas heat, off-street parking	D	5 2	2303 3rd Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,100	\$220	Big house, washer/dryer, fenced yard, garage	H
2 1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	\$495	\$248	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice sized rooms, parking	D	5 2	814 10th Street	\$910	\$182	\$1,090	\$218	Nice house! Recently remodeled, W/D, many upgrades	D
2 1	1803 1/2 7th Street	\$400	\$200	\$520	\$260	Nice apartment, new carpet, washer/dryer, parking	D	5 2	2006 5th Street #A	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	Nice, large house, good sized rooms, W/D off-street parking	3
2 1	1415 4th Street West	\$410	\$205	\$620	\$310	Ground level apartment w/ garage, good location	D	5 2	2006 5th Street #B	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
2 1	620 15th Avenue	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	D	5 2	2006 5th Street #C	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	Very nice apt, washer/dryer, A/C, parking, has everything!	3
2 1	1506 6th Street	\$420	\$210	\$590	\$295	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	D	5 1.5	1115 6th Street	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,180	\$236	Very desirable, washer/dryer, very close to campus	H
2 1	2121 5th Street #A	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4	5 2	1803 7th Street	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,280	\$256	Large house, good location, parking, W/D, 2 huge bedrooms	D
2 1	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4	5 1.5	1107 2nd Street West	\$1,125	\$225	\$1,325	\$265	Nice sized rooms, good layout, excellent location, W/D	H
2 1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4	5 2.5	902 Main Street	\$1,125	\$225	\$1,350	\$270	Awesome house! Great location, huge rooms, garage & more	H
2 1	421 13th Avenue West	\$425	\$213	\$545	\$273	Nice apartment w/ hardwood floors, parking, lawn care incl.	D	5 2	203 13th Avenue West	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,370	\$274	Big house, 2 kitchens, washer/dryer, excellent location	H
2 1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$430	\$215	\$540	\$270	Large apt, hardwood floors, parking, lawn care included	D	5 2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,375	\$275	Large house, some extras, W/D, parking, excellent location	D
2 1	619 13th Avenue	\$450	\$225	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4	5 2	321 14th Avenue West	\$1,250	\$250	\$1,475	\$295	Great house, nice rooms, W/D, parking, close to campus	H
2 1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	\$460	\$230	n/a	n/a	Nice sized rooms, great location, WSG, heat & HW included	4	5 2	1708 6th Street #B	\$1,325	\$265	\$1,525	\$305	Fabulous apartment, W/D, big rooms, parking, has everything!	D
2 1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	\$500	\$250	\$660	\$330	Large, nice rooms, very close to campus, great apartment	3	5 2	1708 6th Street #A	\$1,325	\$265	\$1,525	\$305	Fabulous apartment, W/D, big rooms, parking, has everything!	D
2 1	802 6th Avenue #5	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Great apartment, huge rooms, includes utilities & parking	6	6 2	1402 8th Street	\$800	\$100	\$800	\$133	Corner lot, washer/dryer, off-street parking, full basement	H
2 1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6	6 2	504 10th Street	\$900	\$150	\$1,180	\$197	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
2 1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW, incl.	6	6 2	415 13th Avenue West	\$1,050	\$175	\$1,300	\$217	Modern house, large bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
2 1	421 Wilson Avenue #5	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Nice, good sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6	6 2	1602 8th Street	\$1,100	\$183	\$1,300	\$217	Nice house, good location, nice rooms, washer/dryer	H
3 1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$480	\$160	\$565	\$188	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D	6 2	1415 1/2 8th Street	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,480	\$247	Fabulous apt, W/D, large, nice rooms, lots of parking & more	D
3 1	2215 1/2 5th Street	\$545	\$182	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D	6 2	321 20th Avenue #A	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D parking, storage	4
3 1	119 West Main Street #3	\$550	\$183	\$700	\$233	Nice apt, good sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3	6 2	321 20th Avenue #B	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D parking, storage	4
3 1	414 12th Avenue West	\$590	\$197	\$780	\$260	Very nice apt, hard wood floors, garage, lawn care included	D	6 2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D parking, storage	4
3 1	2215 5th Street	\$595	\$198	n/a	n/a	Nice upper duplex, good sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D	6 2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,450	\$242	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
3 1	1415 1/2 4th Street West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	Nice apartment, new flooring, washer/dryer, garage	D	6 2	1714 8th Street	\$1,230	\$205	\$1,480	\$247	Spacious house, new paint, big deck, garage, pool table	H
3 1	208 13th Avenue West	\$600	\$200	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, washer/dryer, gas heat, parking	D	6 2	115 1/2 17th Avenue West	\$1,250	\$208	\$1,500	\$250	Nice, newer apt, great location, washer/dryer & garage	D
3 1	1503 7th Street	\$600	\$200	\$800	\$267	Nice, lower duplex, hardwood floors, new siding, parking	D	6 2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,350	\$225	\$1,590	\$265	Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom, W/D, great house	H
3 1	921 Main Street #3	\$600	\$200	\$765	\$255	Large apartment, nice sized rooms, parking, good location	4	6 2.5	802 12th Avenue	\$1,375	\$229	\$1,630	\$272	Very nice house, remodeled, W/D, rec. room, garage & more	H
3 1	814 1/2 10th Street	\$610	\$203	\$750	\$250	Upper duplex, recently remodeled, large rooms, nice place	D	7 2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,225	\$175	\$1,485	\$212	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
3 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$220	\$880	\$293	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H	7 3	819 7th Street	\$1,610	\$230	\$1,835	\$262	Fabulous house, washer/dryer, big corner lot, 2-car garage	H

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Snap, Hold, Kick, Thud? Good!

Last second Raciborski field goal gives UW-Stout homecoming win

By Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

For fifty-nine minutes the University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Falcons engaged in a game that was too close for comfort.

However, as the final minute began to run off the clock a 52-yard field goal was soaring through the Menomonie air as the crowd of 4500 held its breath, only to watch the ball slam into the left goal post and fall on the winning side of the upright.

Brandon Raciborski, a junior from nearby Eau Claire, Wis. was the homecoming hero as his improbable boot found a way to make it through.

It was an all about team effort that was highlighted by a dominant ground game that was led by Andy Reese who reached pay dirt three separate times. As a team UW-Stout was able to gain 236 yards on v the ground while holding UW-River Falls to just 85 yards.

During this back and forth battle, the crowd was treated to a rollercoaster of seven lead changes. Both teams traded off drives in the first quarter that were both ended by interceptions from each of the respective defenses.

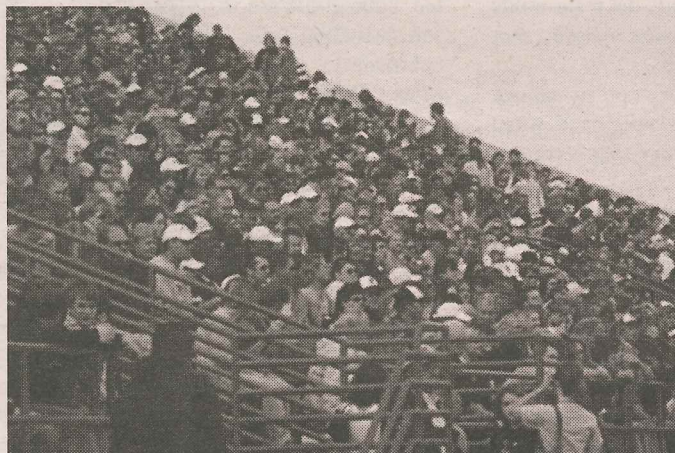
UW-Stout was able to get the ball rolling as they capitalized on a great punt return by Jordan Schumacher that had the Blue Devils starting in Falcons territory.

A healthy dose of run was just what the doctor ordered as Andy Reese scored his first touchdown of the afternoon on a 20-yard scamper. Tanner Kattre was able to give the Devils an early eight point lead as he ran it in for the two-point conversion.

UW-River Falls wasn't about to lie down and quit as they responded with a touchdown drive of their own. A balanced offensive series of plays was capped off as Falcons quarterback Storm Harmon punched it in from one yard out. They were unable to convert for two but UW-Stout's lead was cut to two points.

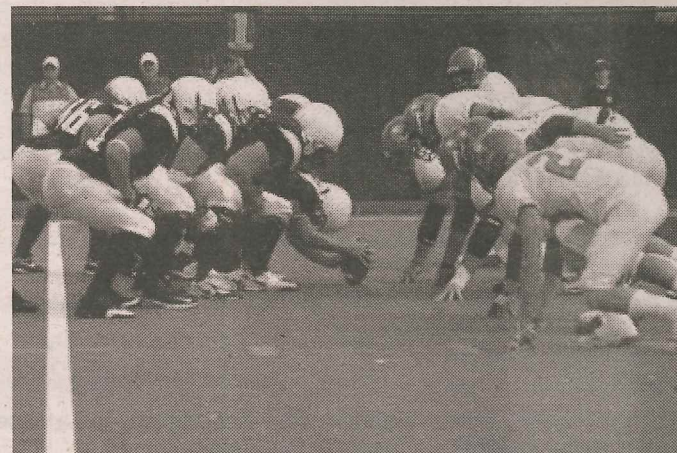
A fumble by backup quarterback Kyle Provos on UW-Stout's ensuing possession gave UW-River Falls the ball at the Blue Devils' twenty-four yard line. It didn't take long for the Falcons to strike as Harmon zipped a pass into the hands of Ryan Hansen to give his team a 13-8 lead following the extra point.

UW-Stout responded to the touchdown with a Kyle Martin field goal from 39 yards away making it a two point ball game. The Blue Devil defense held the Falcons on the following drive and was able to set up shop at their own 28.



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The homecoming crowd for the Blue Devils football game was the largest so far this season.



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The Blue Devils get ready to take the game-winning field goal with seconds left in the fourth quarter.

A pair of stellar runs by Tanner Kattre and wide receiver Shawn Korth brought the Blue Devils within three yards where Andy Reese finished off the drive with touchdown number two.

During the third quarter, UW-River Falls reclaimed the lead by the way of running back Matt Pollock. They held onto that lead all the way until the start of the fourth quarter.

By that time the UW-Stout offense had begun rolling again, Andy Reese was wearing down the Falcons defense, and his per-

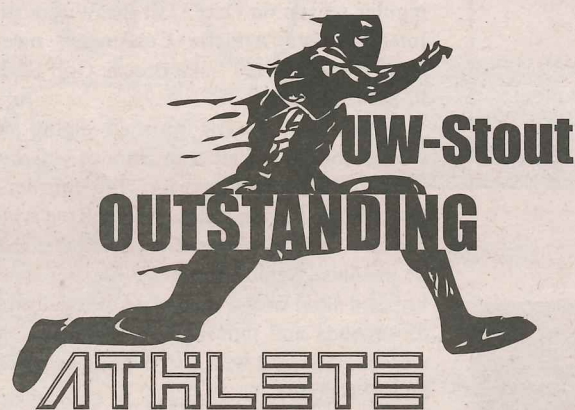
sistency paid off as he broke the plane of the end zone for the touchdown hat trick. Given the amount of lead changes, both teams felt the pressure to hold their own as time was winding down in the fourth quarter.

Matt Pollock put the Falcons up on the scoreboard as he plunged in for a touchdown. A converted extra-point and they would have a comfortable lead, although that was wishful thinking as the point-after-touchdown failed.

On the game-winning drive, UW-Stout started just on their side of the 50 yard line

and put together just the right amount of plays to bring on Raciborski for his late day heroics. A solid snap from Mike Bryan and a perfect hold from Kattre, combined with a little luck, made the day for the Blue Devils, as they caused the final lead change in their favor.

Any hope that UW-River Falls had in coming back was taken away when Kyle Seiler hit kick returner Nate Thorsen and jarred the ball loose. Andrew Jeske was around for a timely fumble recovery to seal the victory.



Jeff Wheeler

Five-foot-ten-inch, 190 pound junior forward from Bainbridge, Wash., saw action in just 12 games last season. He recorded his first collegiate goal in his collegiate debut against Lawrence on Oct. 28 2005.

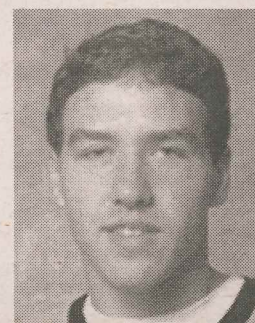
Derek Hanson

This five-foot-eight-inch, 175 pound sophomore from Bemidji, Minn., saw action in all 28 games last season and was third in team points with 27.

Jeff Wheeler and Derek Hanson both scored two goals against Concordia-Wisconsin on Oct. 30. Hanson scored both of his goals in the four-goal first period.

Wheeler scored first goal of the game, then added his second in the midst of the second period. UW-Stout outshot Concordia, 56-20 and won the game 10-1.

The Blue Devils hockey team has begun an impressive start to their 2007-2008 season, winning all of their first three initial games.



Jeff Wheeler



Derek Hanson

Hockey team wins first three games

By Michael Broetzmann
Staff Writer

With fall coming to an end and winter fast approaching, there is only one word that you will hear coming out of the mouths of University of Wisconsin-Stout students when the Men's Hockey team is brought up, and that word is "business."

With expectations being high for the Men's team in the 2007-2008 season, the team has already shown that they are not fooling around.

Only five days into the season the team has already tallied three wins, with a point differential in those games being 25-6; an eye-opening differential that is not usually seen in the sport.

It is to no surprise that the team has come out swinging, as they look to avenge their shortcoming last year as they fell just short of a Division-III frozen four appearance.

Although they did finish with the best

record in school history, a shared champion title in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association, and at times being ranked one of the top teams in the county, the team wants to improve and go the distance to have a shot at a national championship.

Although, if the team wants to achieve these season goals, they will need some big wins against some very tough conference opponents.

Three teams from the NCHA are currently ranked in the top 10 nationally, including

University of Wisconsin-River Falls, University of Wisconsin-Superior, and St. Norbert's College who is currently ranked second as well as being the team that ended UW-Stout's playoff run last season.

Although the competition is going to be tough, the team this year is going to be coming back strong as they return a solid core of veterans to the team.

Although they did finish with the best record in school history, a shared champion title in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association, and at times being ranked one of the top teams in the county, the team wants to improve and go the distance to have a shot at a national championship.

The Devil's return four of their five top scorers from the 2006-2007 season, including Luke Schroeder, Scott Motz, Derek Hanson, and Jake Erickson. In addition, the team will bring back the All-American goalie Mike Stone, who allowed only 41 goals in 22 games, which led to an impressive 2.11 goals per game average.

Additionally, there are athletes on the team that are being recognized within the conference, such as the forward Joel Gaulrupp.

He has already earned himself a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and NCHA player of the week award, as he made four goals and an assist just last weekend. The loaded roster will be sure not to disappoint throughout the season.

It is pretty obvious that the stage has



Contributed Photo
University of Wisconsin-Stout senior forward Jeff DeFrancesca attempts to score against Northland College.

been set, and the team is ready to face off to any opponent that they may face throughout the season.

The students, the community and the nation all have their eyes on UW-Stout as they hope to make their way at another conference championship and potentially a run for a national title.

Women's CC preps for regionals

By Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's cross-country team finished their regular season on Oct. 27 at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference meet that was held at the Lake Breeze Golf Club in Oshkosh, Wis.

The Blue Devils finished eighth of nine at the WIAC meet in front of University of Wisconsin-Superior. Top finishers for UW-Stout were senior Abbey Ring who finished 28th with a time of 23 minutes and 26 seconds, senior Bridgette Crozier who finished 42nd with a time of 23 minutes and 55 seconds and junior Rachel Richardson who finished 51st with a time of 24 minutes and 12 seconds.

Five Blue Devil runners finished in under 21 minutes at their Lake Wissota Invitational in Chippewa Falls meet on Oct. 19. z Freshman Emily Stenzel was the top runner for UW-Stout finishing sixth with a time of 19 minutes and 47 seconds.

The other four runners that finished in under 21 minutes were freshman Karla Kultgen who finished 22nd with a time of 20 minutes and 30 seconds, freshman Angie Raasch who finished 24th with a time of 20 minutes and 44 seconds, freshman Stephanie Libby who finished 26 with a time of 20 minutes and 50 seconds and senior Bonnie Wold who finished with a time of 20 minutes



Contributed Photo
UW-Stout freshman Karla Kultgen sets the pace for her fellow teammates.

and 57 seconds to place 28th. There were no team scores recorded for this meet.

UW-Stout finished 23rd of 27 at the Tori Neubauer Invitational that was held in La Crosse, Wis. on Oct. 13. Ring was a top runner placing 106th of 455 runners with a time of 24 minutes and 15 seconds.

Other runners to finish in the top 200 were Stenzel who placed 160th with a time of 24 minutes and 45 seconds, Richardson with a time of 24 minutes and 46 seconds to place 163rd and Crozier finished 177th with a time of 24 minutes and 59 seconds.

The top runners from the WIAC conference meet will compete at the National Collegiate Athletic Association regional meet on Nov. 10 in Oshkosh, Wis. at 11 a.m. Top runners from the NCAA regional meet will advance to the national meet on Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. in Northfield, Minn.



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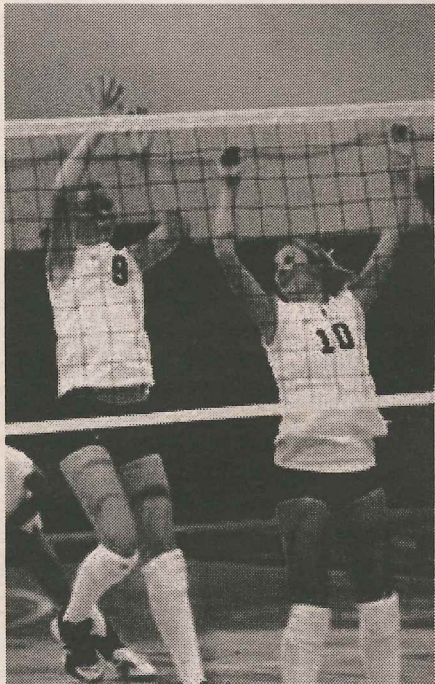
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Volleyball finishes with a losing record



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UW-Stout freshmen Kitty Nicastro and Steph Nichols do a pregame warm-up.

By Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

Volleyball concluded its regular season play on Oct. 27 with back-to-back losses against the Milwaukee School of Engineering and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to give them an overall record of 10-27.

The Blue Devils played in a triangular tournament at UW-Stevens Point on Oct. 27 losing both matches 3-1. In the first match of the day the University of Wisconsin-Stout lost to MSOE three games to one with scores of 31-33, 27-30, 30-20 and 25-30.

Leading the way with kills was senior Linda Meyer with 18 which was the most for both teams. Other kill leaders were junior Maggie Meixl, sophomore Jenna Swanson with 14 and junior Bridgett Kelly and senior Jenna Swanson with seven.

Welsh led the way in assists with 31. Freshman Kim Labat also added in 24 assists. Dig leaders were senior Casey Huntton with 42, Swanson with 25, Welsh with 18, Labat with 13, Meixel with eight and Meyer and sophomore Alicia Mizer with seven. Overall the team had five blocks.

In the second game of the tournament the Blue Devils played and lost to UW-Stevens Point with scores of 14-30, 25-30, 30-14 and 11-30.

Leading the way in kills were Swanson with nine, Kelly and Meyer with seven and Meixel with six. Welsh was the assist leader with 30. Dig leaders were Huntton with 19, Labat with 14, Swanson with 12 and Mizer with 10.

Over homecoming weekend UW-Stout played the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and lost three games to one on Oct. 20 with scores of 26-30, 30-18, 30-32 and 27-30.

The nationally ranked Titans committed 35 hitting errors that the Blue Devils took advantage of. Meyer led the way in kills with 15. Meixel added in 10 kills, five solo blocks and one assisted block.

Huntton also set a school record during this season for most digs in a single season with 538, breaking the old record from 1998 of 536 that was held by Monica Cyrus. Huntton had 30 digs against University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

UW-Stout lost to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Oct. 19 three games

to none with scores of 25-30, 29-31 and 18-30 on parents' night. Leading in kills were Meixl with nine, freshmen Steph Nichols and Bridgett Kelly with seven and Meyer with six. Welsh led the way in assists with 32. Huntton led the way in digs with 23 while Welsh added in 11.

For the second time this season the Blue Devils lost to St. Scholastica. They lost to St. Scholastica earlier in the season at the Bridge Tournament that St. Scholastica hosted in September.

UW-Stout lost on Oct. 16 three games to one with scores of 30-22, 21-30, 13-30 and 23-30. Meixl led the way in kills with 17 while Swanson and Meyer added in 11 and Nichols had six. Welsh had 37 assists.

Dig leaders were Huntton with 17, Mizer, Meyer and Welsh with 10 and Kelly and Swanson with seven a piece. Overall the team had three blocks.

UW-Stout played their first round of Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament on Oct. 30 against the UW-Whitewater at Whitewater, Wis. in the quarter-finals. If they win they will advance to the semi-finals on Nov. 2.

Soccer team's season wraps up

By Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Women's Soccer team concluded its season last Tuesday with a 3-0 loss in the opening round of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Soccer Tournament to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

The Blue Devils traveled to Fiskum Field at the UW-Whitewater campus to play what turned out to be their final game of the season.

UW-Whitewater scored its first goal in the 21st minute when the Warhawks' Stephanie DesJardens converted on a header. Sarah Brown and Mary Donohoo were the other goal scorers for UW-Whitewater.

During the overly-windy afternoon in Whitewater, Wis. the Blue Devils left everything they had on the field.

Although they weren't able to snag the win, the team was able to become a more cohesive unit through this game and the entire season.

With a roster that has veteran leadership provided by juniors Rachel Herzog and Mone't Morning, combined with up-and-coming freshmen Michelle Hahn and Kaitlin Arjes, the Blue Devils look to have a promising roster for next season.

On the whole, the team finished 6-12-0 placing them sixth in the WIAC.

Men's cross country finished 7th of 9 in WIAC

By Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

Men's cross country finished seventh of nine at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference meet on Oct. 27 in Oshkosh.

The Blue Devils competed at the WIAC meet in Oshkosh, Wis. to finish out their season. The team finished the meet with 189 points in front of other WIAC members the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

Top finishers for the Blue Devils were sophomore Nate Carey who placed 16th with a time of 25 minutes and 39 seconds and se-

nior David Schonscheck who placed 37th with a time of 26 minutes and nine seconds. The team will return to Oshkosh in two weeks for the National Collegiate Athletic Association regional meet.

The meet that was scheduled on Oct. 19 at Lake Wissota in Chippewa Falls, Wis. became a training session for the team to prepare for the conference meet the next weekend. The team only ran 5km of the race and no scores were recorded for team members.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout finished 19th of 25 at the Jim Drews Invitational on Oct. 13 in La Crosse. Carey was the top finisher for UW-Stout. He finished 80th of

over 400 runners with a time of 27 minutes and eight seconds. Other top finishers were freshman Peter Johnston who placed 121st with a time of 27 minutes and 43.78 seconds and junior Matt Kennedy who placed 146th with a time of 28 minutes and 2.11 seconds.

That rounded out the top runners for UW-Stout in the top 150 finishers for the race.

The top finishers from the WIAC meet will be competing in the NCAA regionals on Nov. 10 at noon in Oshkosh. Then the top finishers from regionals will go on to compete at the national championship meet on Nov. 19 in Northfield, Minn.

Tennis ends 5th of 7 at WIAC Championship

By Michael Broetzmann
Staff Writer

All good things must come to an end, and this held true for the Women's tennis team as they competed in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship that was held on Oct. 19 and 20 in Madison, Wis.

The team was riding a four-match winning streak that gave them a three seed in the tournament. This did not prove to be enough help, as the women ended up finishing fifth place in the WIAC.

Not everything in the event ended

poorly. Junior Jodie Czech, who played at the number two position fought hard to take a second place finish in the WIAC, moving up two places from last year's finish.

Another notable performance was that of freshman Allie Hinman. After a remarkable season at the number one position, and even winning the WIAC player of the week award, she still managed to scrape up a fourth place finish in the conference.

This achievement is not one to be ashamed of, as it is a tough position to play, let alone being a freshman in a conference filled with tough competitors.

When it comes down to it, the girls of the tennis team had a remarkable season considering they had a first year coach and a very young squad.

They fought hard all year long and made all of us here take note in their potential. This young team will continue to improve and grow as a squad in the next few years and we will continue to see great things from them.

Perhaps next year with veterans returning we might be able to see them birth a Division III championship, or perhaps a top three finish in the WIAC.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Blue Devil Volleyball

Record: 10-19

The Blue Devil volleyball team came to a close with a loss to UW-Whitewater on Oct. 30. In the quarterfinals of the WIAC tournament, UW-Stout was matched up against the top-seeded Warhawks. Jenna Swanson led the Blue Devils with 10 kills, while Maggie Meixl had nine.



Blue Devil Football

Record: 4-4

The Blue Devils football team ran up the score 31-7 early in the game, but had to watch as UW-La Crosse battled back late in the game. UW-La Crosse rallied back at the end of regulation making it a three point game of 31-28. Fortunately UW-Stout left UW-La Crosse with a win, making their regular season record 4-4. The football team hosts UW-Whitewater on Sat. Nov. 3 in UW-Stout's final home game of the season.

Next game: (Home) Saturday, Nov. 3 at 1 p.m.



Blue Devil Soccer

Record: 6-12

The Blue Devils soccer team dropped their WIAC quarterfinal game to UW-Whitewater on Oct. 30. UW-Whitewater defeated the Blue Devils soccer team, 3-0, in the WIAC quarterfinal match at Fis-kum Field in Whitewater, Wis. The Warhawks will play UW-Eau Claire in the WIAC semi-finals on Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. in Eau Claire. The winner of the semi-final match will advance to the WIAC tournament final game.



Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 3-0

The Blue Devil hockey team beat Concordia-Wisconsin 10-1 on Tues. Oct. 30 at the Dunn County Ice Arena. Eight different UW-Stout players scored a goal in the game, four of which came in the first period. UW-Stout's Jeff Wheeler and Derek Hanson each scored two goals in a high-octane offensive display by the Blue Devils.

Next Game: (Home) Friday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

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- Fall Harvest – QFP Meal. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cedar Café Corner III, Room 304, Home Economics Building
- Young Professionals Kickoff. For ages 21 to 39. 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Stout Ale House, Menomonie
- Portfolio Information Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 430, Library

Friday, November 2

- Inter Group Dialogue Symposium. Cost: \$35. Need to be registered. 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ally Center, Lower MSC

Saturday, November 3

- Applebee's Breakfast Fundraiser. Cost: \$5. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Applebees, Menomonie
- Inter Group Dialogue Symposium. Cost: \$35. Need to be registered. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ally Center, Lower MSC

Tuesday, November 6

- Gamma Sigma Sigma/ Chi Lambda Blood Drive. 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Job Search Strategies Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 430, Library

Wednesday, November 7

- Gamma Sigma Sigma/ Chi Lambda Blood Drive. Noon to 4 p.m.
- Resume Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 430, Library
- Community Forum – Internet Predators. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Menomonie Middle School

Thursday, November 8

- Campuswide Flu Shot Clinics. Cost: \$15 students, \$20 faculty and staff. Ballroom B, MSC
- An Italian Autumn – QFP Meal. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Corner III Café, Room 304, Home Economics Building
- Cover Letters and Professional Communication Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 430, Library

Saturday, November 10

- Humane Society Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's. Cost: \$5. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Applebees, Menomonie

Monday, November 12

- Online Seminar to Improve Relations with Students and Parents. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Room 201, Millennium Hall
- Managing Your Web Presence and Visibility Workshop. 12:20 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. Room 430, Library
- Recyclable-Art Competition. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Tuesday, November 13

- Cover Letters and Professional Communication Workshop. 12:20 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. Room 430, Library
- Traditional Thanksgiving Feast. 4 p.m.

to 7:30 p.m. Commons, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tainter

Wednesday, November 14

- Interviewing Workshop. 12:20 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. Room 430, Library
- Phi Sigma Phi Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Cost: \$5 ticket from Phi Sigma Phi member, \$6 at door. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Menomonie Senior Center
- Let It Out Dialogue Series. 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ballroom B, MSC

Entertainment

Thursday, November 1

- Phi Theta Chi Quiznos Night. Cost: \$4. Just mention Phi Theta Chi. Quiznos, Menomonie
- The Daredevil Christopher Wright with Someone Else – music. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Friday, November 2

- Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix – movie. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts
- Stout's Top Model. Cost: \$3. 8 p.m. Ballrooms, MSC

Saturday, November 3

- Colleen Raye's "Girls of the Hit Parade" – music. Cost: \$18 adults, \$16 seniors/students. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Sunday, November 5

- Sport Lead Climbing Class. Cost: Free to members/ \$5 for non-members. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Wednesday, November 7

- UW-Stout Theatre: You're a Good Man Charlie Brown – musical. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre
- Open Pool Session for Boaters. Cost: \$5 students/ \$10 community. Pick up pool pass at Stout Adventures and check in with lifeguards by 8 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Thursday, November 8

- UW-Stout Theatre: You're a Good Man Charlie Brown – musical. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre
- The Alarmists with Hyland – music. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Friday, November 9

- UW-Stout Theatre: You're a Good Man Charlie Brown – musical. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre

Saturday, November 10

- UW-Stout Theatre: You're a Good Man Charlie Brown – musical. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre
- Paul Mabon Sr. and James "Cornbread" Harris "Interview with Paul Robeson" – music. Cost: \$18 adults, \$16 seniors/students, \$6 children. 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 11

- Paul Mabon Sr. and James "Cornbread" Harris "Interview with Paul Robeson" – music. Cost: \$18 adults, \$16 seniors/students, \$6 children. 2 p.m.

Monday, November 12

- Rachel Feinstein – comedian. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Tuesday, November 13

- Sicko – movie. 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
- Kayak Roll Clinic. Cost: \$20 students/ \$30 community. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Wednesday, November 14

- Women's Climbing Night. Cost: Free to members/ \$5 non-members. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Athletics

Friday, November 2

- Hockey vs. Hamline University. 7:30 p.m.
- Soccer WIAC Semi-Finals, high seed.
- Volleyball WIAC Semi-Finals, high seed.

Saturday, November 3

- Football vs. UW-Whitewater. 1 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Augsburg College. 7:30 p.m.
- Soccer WIAC Finals, high seed.
- Volleyball WIAC Championships.

Sunday, November 4

- Women's Basketball at UW-Madison (exhibition). 1 p.m.

Friday, November 9

- Hockey vs. St. Olaf at Buffalo, MN. 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 10

- Football at UW-Eau Claire. 1 p.m.
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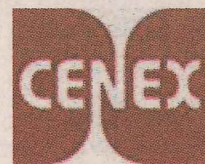
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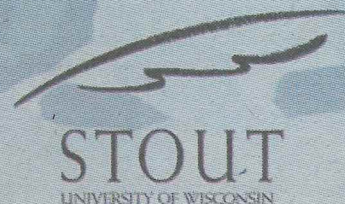
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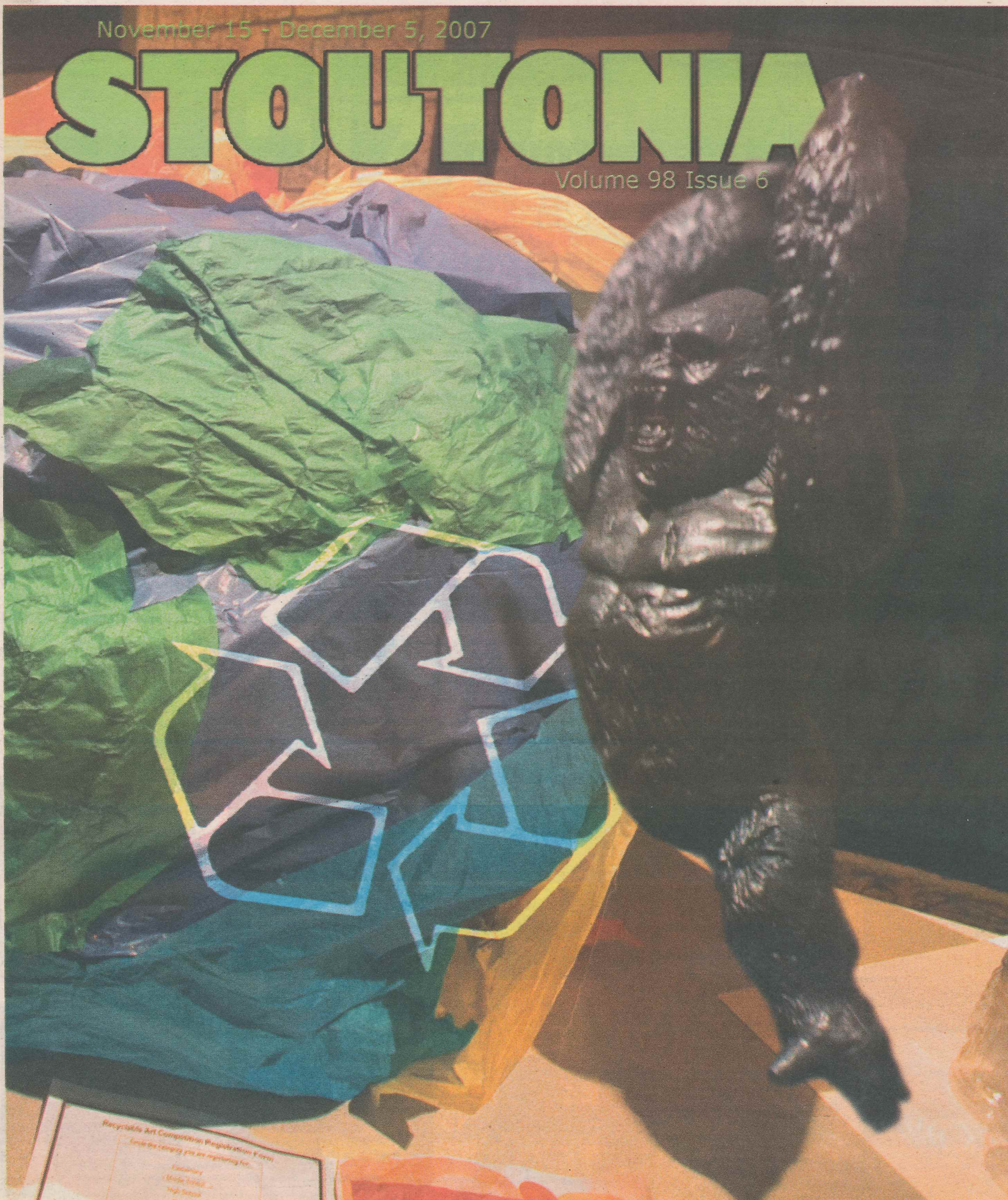
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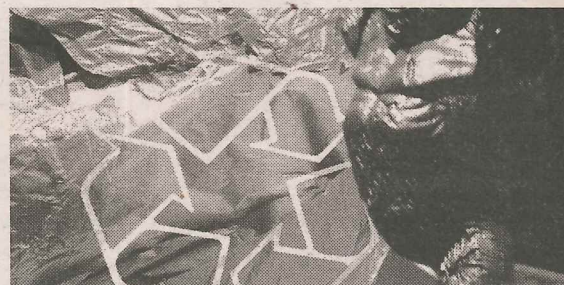
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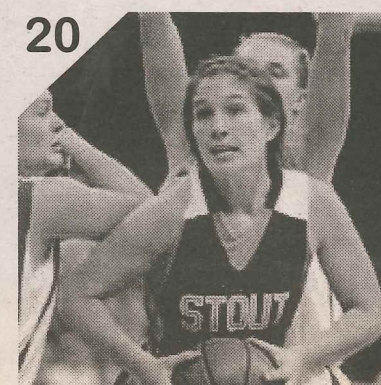
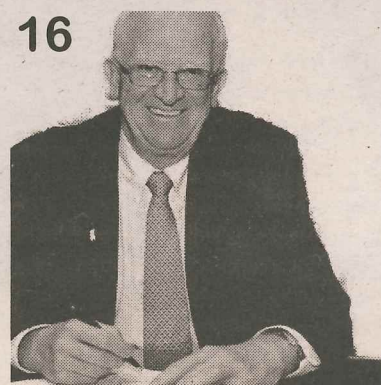
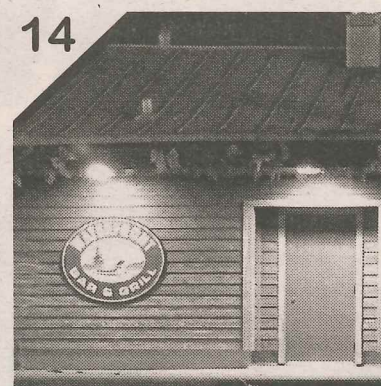
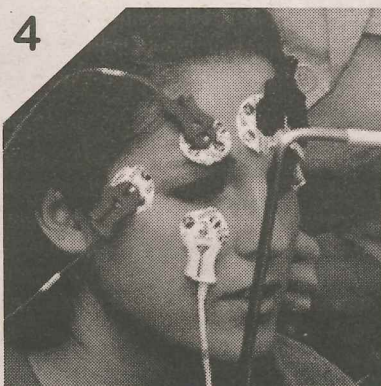
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Stout's incubator hatches success

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

Wait, we have an incubator? Aren't those for chicken eggs or something?

Not this one. The University of Wisconsin-Stout's incubator "provides a sheltered environment for emerging enterprises." It is one of 13 centers in the Stout Technology Transfer Institute (STTI), which is part of the College of Technology, Engineering, and Management.

At the 2007 Synergy Conference in October, the STTI Technology and Business Incubator received an award in Knowledge and Idea Research.

The incubator received the award in the Knowledge and Idea Research and Development category. The nomination criteria for this award category specified organi-

zations and institutions that continuously generate new ideas—ideas that can form the basis for new products, processes and services, which are vital for sustaining both economies and communities.

So what is the incubator and how does it work?

"Usually, a local business comes to the Center for Innovation and Development first with an idea for a product or service," says Robert Meyer, the Director of STTI. "Then, the prod-

uct idea is tested for its market potential, how much potential it has and the business plan is put together. These are businesses

that would not be able to obtain the technology or financial resources on their own."

From there, the invention is taken to the Technology and Business Incubator. "The incubator can offer space to a business at a low cost, basically, and access to the knowledge of the faculty and staff," stated Meyer. "Most incubators have a 25-30 percent success rate, but ours has a 70 percent success rate," he adds. The program is designed to defer startup costs until a business "graduates." The incubator also helps with marketing, packaging, product development and plant layout. Along with benefiting the sole business, the incubator, along with the other centers, encourages economic growth in west central Wisconsin.

"STTI's goal is to be a seamless point of

"UW-Stout is currently the most active campus in invention disclosures,"

—WiSys Technology Foundation

Stout's Incubator has:

- Created over 100 new jobs in the region
- 70% of the incubator clients continue to have successful businesses today
- Incubator graduates create over \$73 million in annual sales
- Incubator graduates also made \$15 million in investments into their businesses

Stanislawski honored as outstanding teacher

An assistant professor in the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Stout has been named the 2007 Outstanding Business Educator in the post-secondary category by the Wisconsin Business Education Association.

Debbie Stanislawski was recognized for her contributions to business education through teaching, publishing, and participating in professional and civic activities.

Stanislawski "epitomizes UW-Stout's reputation for teachers who care about students," wrote Mary Hopkins-Best, interim dean of the School of Education, in a nomination letter.

Stanislawski is a co-adviser to the UW-Stout Marketing and Business Education Association, and is co-director of the DECA District One Career Development Conference.

Stanislawski also is a member of the Praxis Business Education National Advisory Com-

mittee. In this role she helped revise the Business Education Praxis II Content Exam test specifications. As a result, the exam Wisconsin students take to meet licensure requirements will be better aligned with national standards. By serving on this committee, Stanislawski also ensures that the test represents the interests of Wisconsin business teachers.

"Debbie is a respected professor that is involved across the University of Wisconsin-Stout through a host of committees and special projects that position her as a leader on campus," wrote Urs R. Haltinner, director of the UW-Stout marketing education program, in another nomination letter.

"She is a decisive force that will help shape the future for teaching business education and teaching as a profession." For more information, contact Stanislawski at stanislawskid@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-3195.



Andrew Ohlmann/Stoutonia

contact, a one stop shop for the business and its focus is on solutions to real world problems," states Meyer.

A new, growing business comes to the STTI center with a problem. They may have problems with packaging, so companies ask for help redesigning the packaging of their products.

"The Institute recognizes the gap between technologies developed and business and industry's ability to adopt those technologies," explains Meyer. "By being able to use the faculty, students, and technology here at Stout, STTI is a bridge between new technologies developed and the starting businesses."

Students are also benefited from the Institute. The centers work most with the College of Technology, Engineering, and Management but all majors have helped. "Our art students may help design a logo, or an interior design major may help with the layout," said Meyer.

Randall Hulke, the incubator's director, says he would "like to see more students involved in innovation and to test whether (a product or service) is commercially viable, because that's where the future is."

If you would like to find out more about the STTI, go to: <http://stti.uwstout.edu/>

The Thirteen Centers in STTI

1. Apparel Design and Development Center
2. Construction Outreach Center
3. Graphic Communications Center
4. Northwest Wisconsin Manufacturing Outreach Center (NWMOC)
5. Packaging Research and Development
6. Food Packaging and Technology Center (FPTC)
7. Center for Innovation and Development (CID)
8. Stout Advanced Management Assistance (SAMA)
9. Economic Development Administration-University Center (EDA-UC)
10. Center for Performance Improvement (CPI)
11. Risk Control Center
12. People Process Culture Center
13. UW-Stout Technology and Business Incubator.

What do sinkholes, zebrafish and electrodes have in common?

Brittany Bean
Staff Writer

"Student Chelsea Treiber sits down in front of a computer as Jo Hopp, Ph.D., assistant professor of physics, places electrodes at her temples. Additional electrodes are taped above and below her eye."

Sound like something that happens in a science-fiction film? How about here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout?

The story of Treiber and Hopp's electrode experiment can be read in a new magazine that was just released on the UW-Stout campus. The magazine, titled StoutQuest, covers a sampling of the research being conducted on campus by both students and faculty.

Laura Short and Hannah Flom both work in University Communications and made up the writing-squad for the inaugural issue.

"The plan was to write about research in a way that appeals to the general reader—that research is relevant; it is exciting and it benefits society," Short said.

Short says that research is happening daily, and she hopes StoutQuest will help to share those stories with the wider community.

The research magazine, which was in development for about a year, required Short to do a little research herself.

Print copies of StoutQuest are being distributed campus-wide. You can also contact Research Services in room 152 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Building for a copy, or go to www.uwstout.edu/rs/stoutquest to view the magazine.

"I especially enjoyed learning how Stout students were involved in research and creative activities, and that Stout is the only campus in the UW System where some of the patentable inventions have come from students. These facts and these research stories are reasons for Stout to be proud," Short said.

Another reason to be proud, according to Chancellor Sorensen, is that UW-Stout utilizes an applied-learning technique that allows students and professors to work on "real-world projects."

"UW-Stout's applied-learning philosophy translates new ideas, technologies and business models into successful solutions for business, industry and society. I believe you will see these traits come through in the magazine articles," Sorensen said.

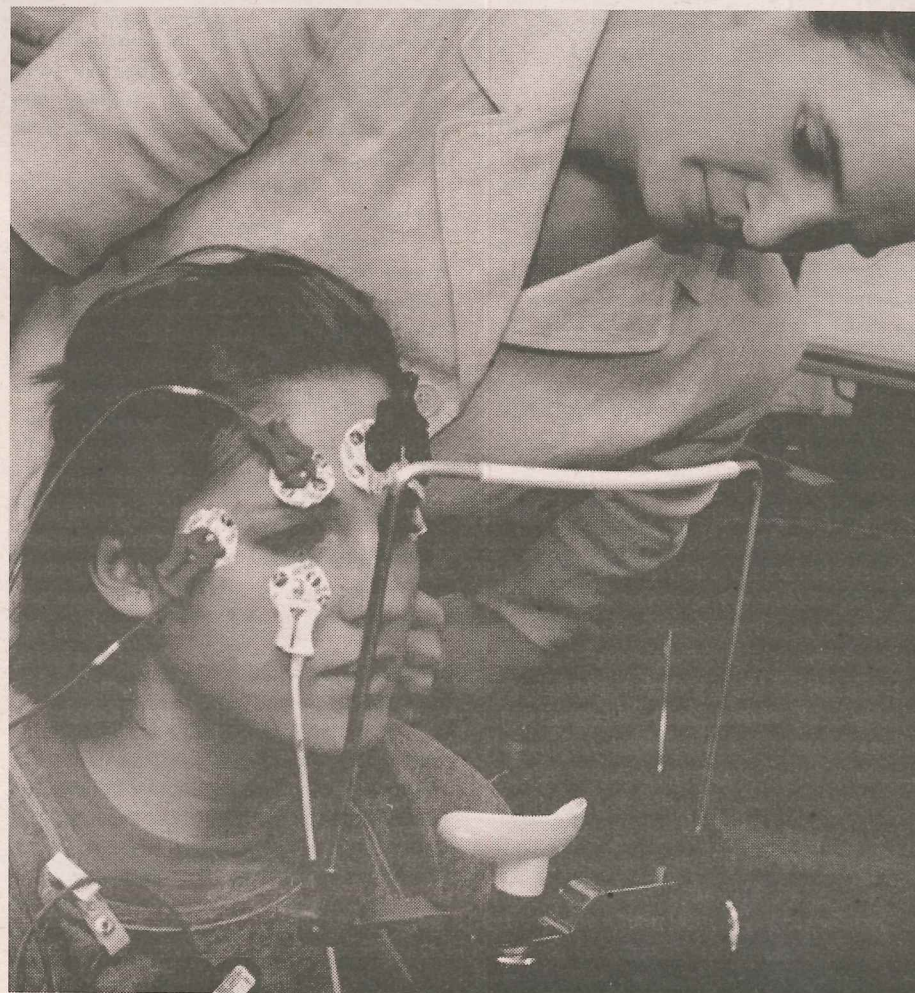
Short expects the magazine to have many beneficiary effects.

"I hope that as more people know about the depth and breadth of Stout's research activities that this publication would serve as a tool to recruit students, recruit faculty and staff, encourage collaboration with researchers at other institutions and entice potential donors to consider funding Stout's research initiatives," Short said.

StoutQuest will be published once a year to highlight examples of research initiatives that were accomplished that year, Short said.

The first issue includes examples such as: saltwater-filled sinkholes in Lake Huron; zebrafish and their similarity to humans; the bog "classroom" at UW-Stout; red-legged grasshoppers; and, of course, electrode experiments on UW-Stout students.

And you thought research was boring.



www.uwstout.edu/rs/stoutquest
Assistant professor of physics Jo Hopp places electrodes on student Chelsea Treiber to track Treiber's eye movements. Pictures like this can be seen in the online edition of stoutquest.

Higher Education Act a step in right direction to curb campus piracy

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Several months after the United States Senate took action to address digital piracy on college campuses in its Higher Education Act (HEA) Reauthorization bill, lawmakers in the House introduced their own legislation that will further the fight against piracy, a problem that costs our economy millions of dollars and Americans thousands of jobs each year. Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (MPAA) Chairman and CEO Dan Glickman lauded the bill as a positive step in educating students and deterring illegal downloads and file-sharing on college campuses.

House Education and Labor Committee Chairman George Miller (CA) introduced the College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007 on Friday, Nov. 9. In the bill, Chairman Miller included a provision that would direct institutions of higher education to inform students and employees about policies and procedures related to illegal downloading and distribution of copyrighted materials. Additionally, the legislation

would instruct colleges and universities to develop a plan for offering alternatives to illegal downloading or peer-to-peer distribution of intellectual property as well as a plan to explore technology-based deterrents to prevent such illegal activity. The bill takes the added step of authorizing the Secretary of Education to award grants to institutions of higher education to develop programs of prevention, education, and cost-effective technological solutions to reduce and eliminate the illegal downloading and distribution of intellectual property.

"The MPAA commends Chairman Miller for taking this step to protect intellectual property on college campuses," said MPAA Chairman and CEO Dan Glickman. "Intellectual property theft is a worldwide problem that hurts our economy and costs more than 140,000 American jobs every year. We are pleased to see that Congress is taking this step to help keep our economy strong by protecting copyrighted material on college campuses."

Glickman noted that the MPAA's most recent data shows that the U.S. motion picture industry lost \$6.1 billion to piracy in 2005. About 44 percent of the industry's domestic losses — over \$500 million annually — are attributed to college students illegally sharing files over peer-to-peer (P2P) networks.

"We have been working closely with the higher education community and value that partnership because we are all in this together," Glickman said. "Illegal downloading doesn't just hurt the motion picture and music industries, but it can also be harmful to universities as it puts their systems at risk for security purposes, takes up bandwidth, and slows systems that are designed for research and other educational purposes."

Glickman noted that many colleges and universities have already successfully deployed technologies to address digital piracy and have found that the technology is saving them money in the long run. He also pointed out the growing list of legal alternatives, which can be found at www.mpaa.org.

Who is the MPAA?

The Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (MPAA) serves as the voice and advocate of the American motion picture, home video and television industries from its offices in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. Its members include: Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures; Paramount Pictures; Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc.; Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation; Universal City Studios LLLP; and Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.

Every Drop Helps | Altruism class profits from water bottle to support African Well Fund

Erica Edblom
Staff Writer

Imagine, its 80 degrees outside, and you have to walk back and forth from Wal-Mart to the Field house four times, carrying 44 lbs of water on your head just to have fresh water for the day. Sounds terrible right? This is considered a good day for many Sub-Saharan Africans. Only 50 percent have access to safe drinking water, resulting in 6000 Africans dying daily, according to a 2001 report from the United Nations.

Ellen Frisch thinks about this every time she takes a drink out of her "Every Drop Helps" water bottle that the Honors program is currently selling to benefit the African well fund.

The program is an enriched learning program with particular courses and activities that increase students' understanding of their leadership and interests. The particular class she is part of, sociology of altruism, taught by Dr. Bruce Pamperin, is given the rare privilege to participate in a fundraiser to support a cause of its choosing. Each semester Dr. Pamperin offers the option to his students, and it is their choice to accept. So far, all have stepped up to the plate.

Frisch's class, like the rest of the previous sections, brainstormed numerous creditable programs. This particular class decided on the African Well Fund. Student Paul Prins states, "When working through various op-

tions we realized that our money can do more overseas, and that through an organization like the African Well Fund we can touch a whole community."

The African Well Fund is a non-profit organization devoted to raising funds for building and maintaining wells in Africa. It is linked to Africare, another commendable charity dedicated to assisting Africa by delivering more than \$450 million in assistance to 35 countries Africa-wide.

AWF believes that regardless of language or culture, all humans share basic needs essential for survival: food, shelter, water.

"Water...we drink it, cook with it, bathe in it, sprinkle our lawns with it, fill our backyard swimming pools with it— even create theme parks based on it," explains the African Well Fund. "We take its abundance for granted, but in much of the world, especially Sub-Saharan Africa, access to clean water is a luxury."

The AWF believes safe, fresh water is not just a basic human need, but also a basic human right.



Drew Retherford /Stoutonia

Students in the sociology of altruism class pose with the water bottles they are selling this semester as part of the Honors program. The African Well Fund is the focus of this years fundraising efforts and benefits those in need of clean water in Africa.

Facebook saves you gas. Useful Facebook application, Carpool, helps match students with rides home

Finding a ride home for Thanksgiving with friends and classmates has never been this easy. For the first time ever, students will be able to safely and conveniently use a Facebook application to share rides home for some homemade turkey. The application is called Carpool, and having launched just this summer, it is already the most popular online ridesharing service in North America.

It is especially popular among students on college campuses, where it has replaced traditional ride boards at student centers with a more convenient online interface.

Over 10,000 rides have been posted on Carpool in less than four months. "The growth is unprecedented," comments Logan Green, the creator of Carpool. "It shows that not all popular Facebook applications have to involve ninjas and vampires. An application like Carpool helps students find safe rides in addition to cutting their gas expenses and reducing CO2 - and it's clear students value that."

The Carpool application uses Google Maps technology to match students traveling in the same direction. After the trip, users are encouraged to leave feedback, to help inform future Carpool users. The application makes ridesharing a more social experience.

"It really feels like I'm part of a community," says Meredith Hoffman, a junior at Cornell University. "I could never trust an anonymous service like Craigslist because I wouldn't know anything about the other users. Using Carpool on Facebook, I can choose to ride with people in my school who I know I can trust."

Carpool on Facebook was built by a diverse team of students from around the country. Rajat Suri, a developer of Carpool, says, "We're students, so we know what students need in terms of ridesharing. And we're thrilled that they're responding to our application and helping ridesharing become a part of mainstream culture on college campuses."



The Honors sociology of altruism class agrees with this statement and has built their fundraiser around supporting this cause. Each student has the opportunity to sell water bottles with "Every Drop Helps" printed on the side to raise money for AWF. Prins comments, "It's great that it's so simple for everyone to help out. \$1 helps one person get clean drinking water. So if you're able to give \$5 or buy a \$10 water bottle, it's going to improve the lives of so many people."

"This is a really good opportunity to help someone in a situation we never have to experience; it is different from anything I will probably ever encounter," Frisch states. "It's a good cause; the foundation is excellent, and the people are in desperate need of our help. If students feel at all responsible to want to help, they can easily do this by purchasing a water bottle."

The aim of this fundraiser is to not only reach Africa, but the classroom as well. Dr. Pamperin's goal for the sociology of altruism class has both long-term and short-term benefits. It provides a case study of a social problem and also brings an improved understanding of what effective kindness is from an individual to corporate level. Frisch, along with the rest of the class, sees this as a unique opportunity for the student body to step outside of their own realities, take a look at the rest of the world, and make a difference.

"Each person on campus can help to bring fresh water to an African village," Dr. Pamperin comments. "I've been thinking, it just takes the University of Wisconsin-Stout community to help raise a village."

Prins stresses, "We all can be ones who act." The actions of UW-Stout students alongside of the African Well Fund can help African women not only end walking numerous miles a day, but also can take care of their families in a significant way.

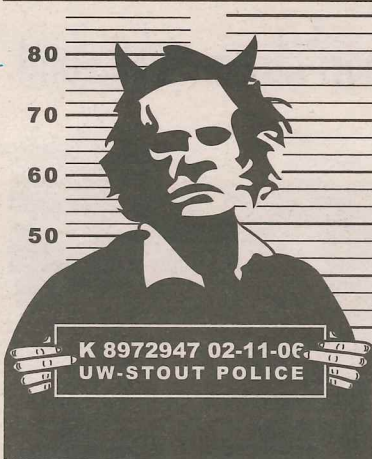
If you would like to "help raise this village" it takes one simple step: buy a water bottle. Stop outside the Terrace on Monday the 19, between 11a.m. to 1p.m. and purchase a water bottle, or contact Dr. Bruce Pamperin at pamperinb@uwstout.edu for more information.

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This is a Good Reason Why You Do Not Leave Your Backpack Unattended... Even in the Bathroom

Thursday Nov. 1, 7:20 p.m.

While using a bathroom outside of the Pawn in the Memorial Student Center, a girl's backpack was stolen.

She said she set it down outside of the stall she was using and came out and found it to be gone. She quickly exited the bathroom and looked around to see if anyone had her backpack. The girl contacted a student manager of the MSC and then called the police.

She described her backpack to be a University of Wisconsin-Stout backpack, grey and black in color, with two Tweetie bird key chains and a pink breast cancer awareness ribbon on the outside. Inside she described having a UW-Stout loaner laptop, a power cord, an elementary statistics book, two-subject notebooks, keys, sunglasses, a credit card, her driver's license, Stout One card, a USB port, a pink iPod Nano and a

Casio scientific calculator. A total of \$1128 was reported stolen.

Did You See the "Grey's Anatomy" Episode Where Some Kids Threw a Brick Off of a Bridge and Killed a Lady? This Is Not That Bad., but it Very Well Could Have Been

Sunday Nov. 4, 2:00 a.m.

A UW-Stout police officer was called to the North Campus walking bridge on the report that a bottle was thrown from the bridge.

The complainant who called in the report said she was traveling north on Broadway when someone threw a bottle off the bridge, hitting her vehicle. The bottle struck the driver's side headlight as she passed under the bridge, causing it to shatter. The complainant stated that she saw a male and female on the bridge but could not give any descriptions of who threw the bottle.

The police officer checked out the area but did not locate anyone.

Throwing Rocks at Windows is Only Cute When You Want to Wake Up Your Girlfriend, Not the RA

Sunday Nov. 4, 2:28 a.m.

After hearing two unknown subjects throwing rocks at windows outside of South Hall, an RA called the UW-Stout police to respond to the dorm. Upon arrival, two police officers met with the RA who advised them that a male and female were outside of the dorm and he heard one of them say, "Let's hit an RA's window."

After observing the scene, the RA noticed that one panel of the hall director's air conditioner had been broken off, leaving the office open. The police officers secured the hall director's room and left a note informing her of the reason why they entered her office.

Damn Hoodlums! Using My Money to do Their Own Laundry!

Monday Nov. 5, 1:37 p.m.

A girl contacted police after she realized she had lost her Stout One card the night

before, after working her shift at the North Hall front desk.

Throughout the night, the girl's card ended up having 28 unauthorized transactions that totaled up to be \$29.60. The card was used in the vending machines and laundry room of North Hall.

The police officer handling the case viewed a security video that was recording the North Hall basement between the hours of midnight and 1 a.m. He did not observe anything helpful on the video.

Honey, Please Don't Make me Sleep Out- side AGAIN!

Saturday Nov. 10, 1:12 a.m.

A drunken male was observed sleeping next to the Vocational Rehabilitation building on the east side on Saturday night.

A UW-Stout police officer approached him and asked why he was sleeping by the building. He said that his girlfriend left him at the bar and then he could not find her. The male stated to the officer that he was just going to sleep by the building for the night.

The officer informed him that he was not allowed to sleep next to the building and then proceeded to contact the drunken male's girlfriend. The girlfriend told the officer that she was comfortable having him transported to her house.

Keep All Bon Fires Confined and Off- Campus, Please.

Wednesday Nov. 7, 11:25 p.m.

In the mall area of the HKMC dorm, a small bon fire was reported burning on a sidewalk. The RA who called in the complaint showed the burning pile to a police officer.

They observed that a new Yellow Pages phonebook was used as kindling to start the fire. The RA and police officer figured that some unknown hooligans decided to burn the phonebook for warmth in light of the recent temperature change. They poured a bucket of water on the fire to extinguish it.

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One man's junk is another's art

Tony Nelson
Editor-in-Chief

Cans, glass and plastic bottles, candy and food wrappers, rusting metal and a variety of "trash" lined the Great Hall of University of Wisconsin-Stout's Memorial Student Center on Monday, Nov. 12. The trash wasn't from vandals, but was works of art in the Recyclable Art Competition.

The first year event had a steady stream of UW-Stout students, community members, Menomonie middle and elementary students and their parents coming through the doors to listen to some music and get a glimpse of local artists' "recycled art."

The competition was held in honor of America Recycles Day, the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and buy recycled products. The event was co-sponsored by Blue Devil Productions, Sustainable Dunn, Dunn County Solid Waste Division and GreenSense Ecology Club.

"We wanted to show the community the different things you can do with the things you normally throw out," said Stacie McCormack. McCormack is the president of GreenSense, a non-profit, UW-Stout student organization that does community clean-up projects and sponsors environmental awareness events.

The competition had approximately 40 entries in the five categories of elementary, middle school, high school and college students and non-college adults residing in Dunn County. Two prizes were awarded for each category; one for judges' choice and one for popular choice of those attending.



Beside the art competition, attendees could listen to music from the band Little Willie, view educational displays and play games put together by Biology students. The games and displays were used to raise the

awareness of Dunn County residents about the benefits to the ecology, economy and national security.

GreenSense has done other events including being a part of "Green My Apple," a grass roots effort to convince Apple Computers to change their manufacturing methods to the greener side. They are also looking to a future project of a community-composting site. Because of the big response from the community, the Recycle Art Competition may become an annual event, said McCormack.

The important part of these events is educating the public about the importance of recycling. Our country produces almost 240 million tons of municipal solid waste every year – approximately 4 ½ pounds of waste per person per day, most of which is recyclable. Recycling has environmental benefits at every stage in the life cycle of a consumer product—from the raw material that it's made with, to the final method of disposal.

"People don't understand there is so much more you can do with things other than throw them away," McCormack said.

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A scary thought... a world without good T.V. shows

Chris Moellering
Staff Writer

America is in the biggest crisis it has seen in nearly 20 years. It's scary. It really is. What are we going to do? Is there any way we can overcome our gravest hour? There has to be a way to turn this around, or else the fabric of our society will unwind, and there will be nothing left but chaos. It would be complete anarchy. That's right. The writers in Hollywood have gone on strike.

I hope you understand what this means. Our favorite television shows can be shut down in mid season. What a scary thought. We may never find out who's going to sleep with who in this season of "Grey's Anatomy." We may never know which doctor the sarcastic Dr. House is going to pick to join his team on the hit show "House." Could you imagine only seeing half a season of "Desperate Housewives?" It sickens me just to think about. Then there's "Heroes." What if we never find out if they save the world this year? Speaking of saving the world, this year Jack Bauer may only have about six hours instead of 24.

There is a scarier thought, the possibility of more reality shows. These shows are lucky, because they don't rely on writers as much, but unluckily for us, we have to sit through them. Can you imagine a world where there is nothing on TV but reality shows? I can, and it's a scary place called MTV. Eventually, they too will run out of ideas and leave us with nothing but reruns. Let's be honest, the only thing worse than reality shows is reality show reruns. Just think if the only thing on at primetime was "American Idol Rewind." Guess what The same people win.



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We have to do something immediately to end this strike, before "Survivor" becomes our real life. I don't want to be forced into cannibalism because the writers in Hollywood refuse to finish writing this season of "Law and Order SVU." I need my "CSI." If I can't have it, I may take hostages and cause the biggest standoff since Waco. I really don't want it to come to that.

I beg Hollywood to think reasonably, for the safety of the world is at stake. They need to think about the people they are hurting. First off, the writers are being hurt. The writers in Hollywood get no glory.

They write the stories that enthrall all of us, but they get no recognition. All they want is a new contract and better compensation, but Hollywood denies them that, lowering their self-worth even further. Many writers will dive deeper into the bottle of scotch and eventually, commit suicide in a messy loft apartment, all because Hollywood won't meet their demands.

We can't forget about the actors either. They will be out of work. If they can't star in these shows what are they going to do? They might have to get real jobs. Could you imagine going to the grocery store just to find Monk bagging your groceries?

There is no way Masi Oka from "Heroes" would ever make it working at Blockbuster. Charlie Sheen from "Two and a Half Men" would fall off the wagon and lock himself in a hotel room with three pounds of cocaine and half a dozen strippers. It's tragic just thinking about it.

The real victims here though are us, the viewers. If there is no TV on, husbands and wives might have to talk to each other when they are loafing around the house. People at work would have to discuss work instead of last night's episode of "Bones." The world would be upside down, dogs and cats living together in harmony, Britney Spears acting like a mature young lady. I don't want to live in a world like that, and I shouldn't have to.

I'm taking this hard. I never thought a day would come where my favorite television shows would be in danger of getting shut down. What am I going to do if I can't watch my shows? Read? Sorry J.K. Rowling, but there is not enough sex and corruption in "Harry Potter" for me.

I could probably make it a few weeks without my shows. The ninth season of "Seinfeld" is out on DVD now. The old episodes could probably keep my violent urges at bay for a while, but eventually the placebo effect would wear off and I'd need my "Private Practice" and "Boston Legal." I can't survive for long without them.

I guess Ellen DeGeneres is going to keep her show on the air despite the strike. Does she want to push people over the edge? I hear they make prisoners in Guantanamo Bay watch her show for hours until they confess plans of terrorism. I guess it works better than water boarding.

What happened to following the rules? Were they made to be broken...

Katie Kenner
Opinions Editor

For a long time I avoided organizations, groups and clubs. A few years back my resistance faltered. Unfortunately I joined several of these things in hopes of changing my perception of them and the members. I think my perception is now a reality and, has become even more negative.

I was in a few, off the beaten path, clubs in high school. I did not enjoy these clubs socially. I was a member for certain that reasons including personal achievement on and the organization had something to offer. I never got into the whole social aspects of these clubs, which defeated my purpose. Organizations to which I am

now involved offer the same, socialization first and foremost, rules are an afterthought.

I am absolutely disgusted thinking about how these organizations disregard rules; rules the organization themselves voted and approved! I figured these organizations would offer some respectful places in which I could congregate with people who have the same interests as myself. I also figured these organizations would have a common goal, to help or further the community in some way.

The people within these organizations feel the need to bend or break the rules which they have put in place. It seems everyone is in it for personal reasons. What a sad, sad realization. Yes, I know the saying "rules were meant to be broken". What BS. If no one follows the rules what is the

point of having them? To make yourselves feel better? To act like you are some sort of official organized group? Rules are set in place as guidelines and deal with problems as they arise.

This brings me to another complaint, the lack of respect or chain of command in these organizations. In one organization, to remain nameless, the president and vice president are walked over. The secretary and treasurer whom adamantly deny wanting to run the organization and refuse to run for president and vice president rule through other members. These two people have been involved with the organization for years, maybe decades. Membership is declining because of these people but they refuse to see themselves as the root of the

problem. Others realize these troublesome two are the problem but have no idea how to uproot them from the organization let alone how to get them off of the board. People who vote for the board are not actively participating in the club therefore they do not see the problems these two cause and as a result the people keep getting reelected.

Although every organization I have been active in does not follow the rules and the chain of command either doesn't exist or is in such disarray. I must say some organizations to which I do not belong may very well follow the rules and have a chain of command that is actually followed. Kudos to who ever and wherever they are. I will let you know if I find any.

The disappearing separation between church and state

Chris Zeck
Staff Writer

Throughout our country's history, we have portrayed ourselves as the land of the free, land of opportunity, land of equality, love and acceptance... on paper that is.

In practice our country has seriously left the track that our forefathers laid forth to us. They shaped a nation that has a potential for greatness, but we have to harness that potential and put it to good use. We have had a "separation" of church and state, yet, those in power, mainly recent presidents, have erased that "separation," creating a society that is destroying any individuality that people once had.

Our country is facing some of the worst times we have ever seen; a slipping dollar value, a never-ending war, corruption in the system, the highest poverty rate in the entire developed world, the highest number of gun murders in the developed world, the loss of trust for the government, and the largest debt in our nation's history, families are going hungry every day in a nation that has more than enough food to feed every one of its residents, a supposed problem with immigration, a failing school system that is not adapting to the different ways that people learn, one of the worst distribution of wealth and power in the world and many more domestic issues that have gone untouched for years.

Yet along with all these important issues in our political system we are saying that same-sex couples do not have the right to marry, and women have no right to choose?

One of the arguments used against same-sex marriage is that it will ruin the "American Family Unit." Another one you may hear is that marriage is between "one man and one woman." People even go as far to say that it's not natural and kids should not be raised in that environment. I have to say, all of these arguments lack any credibility.

First, who says any of those things? What makes them right? There is no one book that tells us all how to act. Our vision of society is shaped by our tolerance for others, change and difference. Same-sex couples are not any less of a family, or less human. So how can they ruin the "Family Unit?" Is it because there will be a different family structure? Who cares, as long as they are happy? Why can't they share all of the same benefits of a heterosexual marriage?

Same-sex marriage cannot be played as a political agenda. In doing so you alienate and discriminate against an entire group of people who have done nothing wrong. Just because they are attracted to a member of the same-sex does not mean they automatically lose their right to pursue happiness.

They may not follow your view of

what is right or moral, but who cares? They are not killing you or attacking your way of life. They are not depriving you of your right to believe what you believe. However, when you say they cannot choose to marry who they want, you are limiting them. You are denying them their right to believe what they believe.

Religion has no place in politics, although it seems this has been all but forgotten. We actually allowed the state to let this issue go to vote. That's an insult to anyone who knows anything about our constitution. The only place that same-sex marriage is even talked about as being wrong is in the Bible. This is NOT a political issue, and we cannot allow it to be treated as such. I would like to know one place that this is a real issue in politics.

Am I going to pay more at the pump? Am I going to pay more in taxes? Is this going to affect the job market and my real wage? I don't see it. If you are not aware, our "real wages" are lower than ever. We live in the one of richest countries in the world, yet the minimum wage is lower than it was 35 years ago, when you take inflation into account.

Do you think that this may be the answer to some of our problems? Do you think government cares about this issue?

Religion has no place in politics; although it seems this has been all but forgotten about.

No way. They don't care because they are sitting high and dry.

Maybe you are not in a situation where you have to worry about things like homelessness, hunger, poverty, crime, death, sickness... I admit I don't have to worry about that in my life either, but millions of others do. If it were only thousands of other people, maybe it would be their problem, but it's not, it's millions. The government has lost my trust by parading things like same-sex marriage around like political toys.

Same-sex marriage is a part of our culture, and we need to accept it. We cannot allow our rulers to enforce laws that will deny everyday people their right to happiness. Marriage has nothing to do with politics, yet we attach many legal benefits to marriage that are unmatched anywhere else in our legal system. Denying same-sex couples the right to marry denies them those benefits that they have every right to have. The only definition

marriage should have is a consensual union of two living human beings.

The true issue you have to get at here is the fact that for several years we have allowed Christian law to be forced into our perception of right and wrong. So what if it violates a religious law? I have nothing to worry about because I am not religious; you have nothing to worry about if you're not religious. If you are, watch your step, but don't you dare force your laws onto me.

I am a free thinker and I feel religion gives those who don't feel like thinking for themselves something to hold onto. I may have upset someone, but your views are not mine, and mine are not yours. However, you cannot say that you can deny anyone rights, and neither can I. A right that all Americans have is the freedom to live their lives and pursue their own happiness as long as they are not hurting another person.

So same-sex marriage is wrong to you. Why is it political? Why do you feel you have the right to say they can't? It's wrong? Says who? God? Your Bible? Why are either of those two right? Is the Bible the only right way? Not in the least. If that were true, then well over half of the world would go to "hell."

The second issue I would like to

live her life the way she wants? Obviously there isn't a set of rules a woman can follow to prevent rape, so she should have every right to an abortion if that ever happened to her.

This issue has to be addressed in an orderly fashion and no mention of religion can come up. Only in the Bible does it say that life starts at conception. How can we say that it is a law as well? If a woman has a miscarriage because she drank too much, does that make her a murderer? I have never seen a case like that in the news. If you truly did believe that every life starts at conception, I want to see you lock up every woman who ever miscarried her baby for any reason at all.

If you have a double standard for a law, then that law is fundamentally flawed and has to be changed and overturned. This country was created equal and we have to keep it as such. Even though religion plays a role in our society, it cannot play a role in our laws.

Don't agree with abortion? Don't get one. Don't agree with same-sex marriage? Don't get one. It's simple; it's personal choice, not political in nature. We need to work to protect the rights of people. I may not have made this very clear, but I feel that people have become so wrapped up in themselves, that they have forgotten about everybody else. If an issue does not directly affect you, that does not mean it does not exist.

We all need to wake up and realize our government has corrupted our minds. Our school system is failing, we are fighting wars on all fronts, we are in debt, people are starving, people are losing their homes, crimes happen every second, wages are falling, jobs are being lost, healthcare has lost its true purpose, we still deal with racism, we still deal with sexism, we are not and have never been equal, yet we are the best nation to live in? I don't know how anyone can have the conscience to say that.

We are not completely lost. I still feel if we, as a people, stand up for what is right we can make this nation into the place we all dream that it is. The only way this is ever going to happen is if people put their morals, values and goals second to what is best for everyone else.

We have all become caught up in ourselves, we have forgotten about our neighbors. We have to put ourselves last sometimes and think about what's best for everyone and the common good. That's the biggest step and the hardest, but until that step is taken, we will always be this way.

What you are willing to accept is exactly what you will get.

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tackle here is a woman's right to choose. I feel it is their right to choose whether or not they will have a child, and ultimately she has the final say. If the father wants to raise the child but the mother does not, have them work out a deal. He will pay for everything: hospital, pre and post care, the child's entire life.

A woman has that right to choose what happens to her body. With that right comes responsibility. No different than the responsibilities each of us carries with every one of our other rights. She must take every step to prevent pregnancy if she truly does not want to conceive. Adoption is a great option, and if the woman feels like giving her child up for adoption, she can, if she feels it is best for her or her child.

We do not need to bring more life into a world that can hardly sustain the life already inhabiting it. If a woman truly took every possible step, she could have taken, then why can we say she has no right to

Pretty soon we will be dating our computers

Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

If anything, we are the technology generation. The adage that we are all connected to one another is becoming more and more apparent as our species evolves technologically and electronically, and the world is becoming smaller. But to what end?

Now, I won't start ranting about the greedy drug companies, but here's a fact I found researching for a paper for Jonna Gjevre's Critical Writing class: over 50 percent of all Americans are on some sort of prescription drug for depression, social anxiety, insomnia, and other social disorders that cause us poor social-bound creatures undue stress.

Since I discovered this little tidbit of knowledge I set out to find why we are a nation of pill-poppers, and I've found many factors. But one that I think is overlooked is the rise in use of technology. What does the rise in use of technology have to do with the psychological condition of our nation? Quite a bit, I assume. Let me elaborate.

My generation is among the first to experience the mass-consumption of video game consoles. Hours of personal, non-confrontational entertainment can be had by all. It started with archetypes like the Atari and NES systems and blew up exponentially from there. Today, I don't know one person who doesn't own at least one game console — and I know a few who own them all. As I write this I'm wearing a bright blue t-shirt with an image of the beloved Mario grasping a smiling white-spotted mushroom. This type of entertainment has definitely proliferated itself and has sunk into the fabric of my generation.

I have childhood memories concerning NES and Sega, and sometimes I'd sneak down to the basement at midnight after everyone was sleeping to play a game, which, to my seven-year-old brain was more important than sleep.

In any case, most of us can say that we spent a good portion of our childhood in front of the boob tube playing these video games at an age where we should be practicing social skills and learning how to communicate with other members of our species. And then came the Internet explosion. When we first got dial-up in our house I was addicted. Don't tell my mom, but I definitely skipped a couple of days in junior high to

came crawling out of the woodworks to prey on the young and innocent. Truly, the Internet has shown the face of humanity more so than war, disease and famine combined.

We can truly express ourselves anonymously. We can create ourselves new identities and be whomever we want to be on-line, because it's so much easier (and thus more appealing) than figuring out how to do it IRL (for those non-geeks who aren't fluent in L33t



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stay home and play on the Net before it lost its novelty. Yes, thanks be to Al Gore for the wonderful invention that is the Interwubs. Have I established my geek cred yet? I could keep going, seriously.

So my generation tested the Internet and all that it offered and fell in love with it. The world was now at our fingertips and we could connect to cultures in an instant when before we were so closed off from one another. Suddenly a 16 year old could have hundreds of "friends" all around the world and never be lonely.

New additions started popping up all over the place, and the scum of the universe

sp33k, IRL stands for "In Real Life").

We are a species that desires social interaction. We are also a species that tends to find the easy way out (if having technology do our thinking for us isn't a testament to that, then I don't know what is).

Many of my generation skipped a lot of that social development stage because of fun things like Play Station and the crap television we've been fed for so long. Some of us are still nine years old socially because of it. So it's easy to see how the Internet is an easier choice for many to find their social interaction because it's less confrontational and therefore easier and less painful — because so-

cial rejection has the same effects on the body as physical pain. Today we have wonderful things like Myspace and Facebook to prove to ourselves how popular and well-loved we are, and if someone pisses us off we can just delete them from our friends list.

But the social interaction we get from strangers we'll never meet, see or touch is not the same, and you know it.

Communication is 90 percent non-verbal. This means that a lot of what we say isn't coming from the words we speak, but from the inflections in our voice, the way we carry ourselves, eye contact, and for those of us who are more perceptive, the energy we give off. You can get none of that typing away in an instant messenger though you may try in vain to master the billions of different smiley faces that apparently can represent something as complex as an emotion.

Therefore we are cheating ourselves socially when we resign to a life of social interaction on-line. IRL our social interactions are awkward. How much do you need to open up to someone face-to-face when you can bare all to an online buddy that you'll never have to look in the face? How do you initiate a conversation with someone sitting next to you if you can't click on their screen name and type "hey, ASL?"

In a world with exceptional communication technology, we are closing ourselves off from one another. We are depressed, we feel alone, like no one understands us but our false friends on the Net. Pill-popping is not the answer, my friends. To risk sounding like a hippie: love is the answer.

My cry to you is this—don't let technology make you lazy. Get up off your ass and figure out how to do things the hard way, the way our ancestors have done it since the dawn of time. You might be happier because of it.

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Guest Writer

Michael G. Wing

University of Wisconsin- Stout Alumni
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On Veteran's Day it was an honor and a privilege to meet a Lance Corporal, in a Dress Blue uniform of the United States Marine Corps at the Stout Ale House. He simply said, "I am taking my lady out to din-

ner." One could only think how lucky she is to have a man like that. That fine young lad appeared to be in his early twenties but has already completed two tours in Iraq. The 18 week Marine Corp's Basic Training is not a picnic. He was not a colonel or a general but it doesn't really make any difference. Do not ever disrespect anyone like this or anyone who wears the uniform of the United States Military.

It is perfectly alright to greet then

shake hands with a military member but always remember who you are speaking to.

Since September 11, 2001 some 190,000 men and women have joined the U.S. Marines alone. Many have seen action in the global war on terror.

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Letters to the Editor

After years in the working world, I have decided to take a class to bring me up to speed on current skills needed in the real world of debt and mortgage. One of the first things I noticed were the fine young men and women on campus in military uniform. It did my U.S. Army heart proud.

Despite Charles Sorensen's effort to ban such a fine organization of volunteers, their presence on campus should make us all proud; hopefully, inspire others into service of our country. It is sad to think that if an organization were to have a lifestyle or sexually orientated agenda, Charles Sorensen would have welcomed them in the name of diversity, equality and with open arms. It took a law and the reality of losing millions of federal dollars to make your dear University of Wisconsin - Stout leader recognize that diversity should come in all forms, not only those of his choosing.

When you pass a member of our military on campus, please extend a handshake or a thank you for defending the diversity that tried to get them banned from campus.

Scott Jungmann

US Veteran

BFA1994

University of Wisconsin- Stout Student

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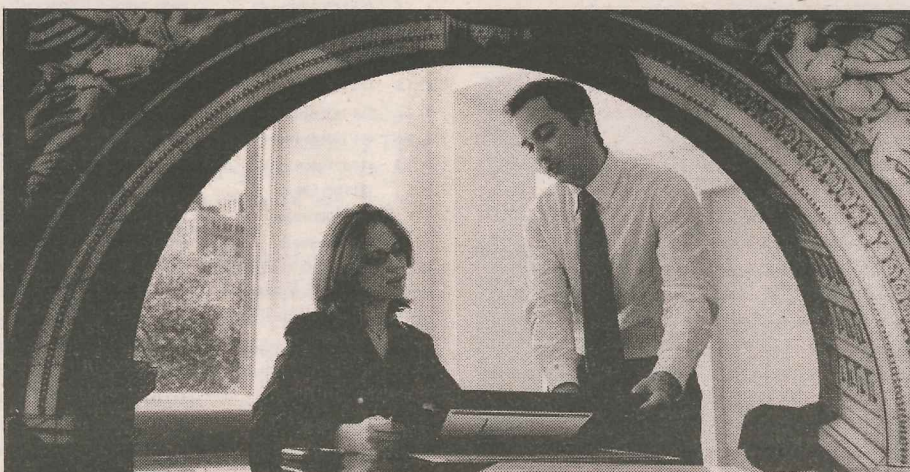
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1	n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #8	\$180	\$180	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	3	1	119 West Main Street #3	\$550	\$183	\$700	\$233	Nice apt, good sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
1	n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #4	\$185	\$185	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	3	1	414 12th Avenue West	\$590	\$197	\$780	\$260	Very nice apt, hard wood floors, garage, lawn care included	D
1	n/a	220 12th Avenue West	\$230	\$230	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, washer/dryer, off street parking,	SR	3	1	2215 5th Street	\$595	\$198	n/a	n/a	Nice upper duplex, good sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
1	n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #5	\$240	\$240	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	3	1	1415 1/2 4th Street West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	Nice apartment, new flooring, washer/dryer, garage	D
1	1	119 West Main Street #1	\$285	\$285	\$360	\$360	Large efficiency, close to campus and downtown	3	3	1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$220	\$880	\$293	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	\$290	\$290	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG, HW, storage, close to campus, great view	6	3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$695	\$232	n/a	n/a	Nice, 2-story apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
1	1	702 4th Street	\$295	\$295	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	6	3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$850	\$283	n/a	n/a	Nice rooms & closets, utilities included, laundry in building	A
1	1	802 6th Avenue #1	\$315	\$315	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	4	1	1606 10th Street	\$550	\$138	\$720	\$180	New siding, washer/dryer, off-street parking	H
1	1	802 6th Avenue #2	\$315	\$315	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	4	1	1115 14th Avenue	\$600	\$150	\$780	\$195	Large rooms, washer/dryer, screened-in porch, garage	H
1	1	115 1/2 West Main Street	\$320	\$320	\$395	\$395	Nice, large apartment, close to campus and downtown	3	4	1	915 Main Street	\$600	\$150	\$800	\$200	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
1	1	802 6th Avenue #3	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	Nice sized efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	4	1	1120 15th Avenue	\$620	\$155	\$770	\$193	Good sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A	4	1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	\$820	\$205	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8	4	1	309 14th Avenue West	\$700	\$175	\$900	\$225	Washer/dryer, extra room for storage, parking, good location	H
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$345	\$345	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8	4	1	921 Main Street #1	\$740	\$185	\$910	\$228	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$350	\$350	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6	4	2	516 19th Avenue West	\$750	\$188	\$1,000	\$250	Large, split-level, 2 living rooms, washer/dryer, parking+182	D
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6	4	1	1216 6th Street	\$820	\$205	\$1,000	\$250	Good sized rooms, front porch, parking, across from campus	H
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6	4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #2	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8	4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities & parking, private entrance	8	4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6	4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	n/a	n/a	Large, upper duplex with den & parking, great location	D	4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	1520 7th Street	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D	4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Efficiency apartment, includes WSG & heat, great location	A	4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8	4	2	1319 8th Street	\$825	\$206	\$1,025	\$256	Nice, good sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A	4	1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice sized rooms, washer/dryer	H
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes WSG & parking, very close to campus	A	4	2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,195	\$299	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes parking, WSG & heat	A	4	1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	Large apt, good sized rooms, W/D, parking, great location	D
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$415	\$415	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8	4	1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	\$435	\$435	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt w/ parking, WSG & heat incl., close to campus	A	4	2	1702 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,100	\$275	Spacious house, huge rooms, den, W/D, off-street parking	H
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$495	\$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking.	8	4	1	2235 South Broadway	\$920	\$230	\$1,120	\$280	Great house, good sized rooms, W/D. basement, parking	H
2	1	1506 1/2 6th Street	\$330	\$165	\$430	\$215	Great location, enclosed front porch & built-in storage	D	4	2	602 12th Avenue East	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Large bedrooms, washer/dryer, close to campus, parking	D
2	1	113 West Main Street	\$360	\$180	\$460	\$230	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3	4	1.5	1615 7th Street	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Nice house, great location, deck, washer/dryer, garage	H
2	1	921 Main Street #2	\$360	\$180	\$500	\$250	Good location, parking, nice sized rooms, porch	4	4	2	400 18th Avenue	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Cute house, nice deck, big corner lot, washer/dryer, garages	H
2	1	921 Main Street #4	\$360	\$180	\$500	\$250	huge rooms, lots of parking, porch, good location	4	4	2	1317 8th Street	\$1,040	\$260	\$1,240	\$310	Great house, den, W/D, carport, deck, good location	H
2	1	115 West Main Street	\$370	\$185	\$490	\$245	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3	4	2	332 1/2 Main Street	\$1,050	\$263	\$1,250	\$313	Huge! Fantastic apt, washer/dryer, deck, car port/parking	H
2	1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$375	\$188	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, gas heat, off-street parking	D	5	1	1120 1/2 15th Avenue	\$660	\$132	\$840	\$168	Very large rooms, washer/dryer, nice yard, parking	D
2	1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	\$495	\$248	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice sized rooms, parking	D	5	1.5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, lots of parking	H
2	1	1415 4th Street West	\$410	\$205	\$620	\$310	Ground level apartment w/ garage, good location	D	5	2	512 19th Avenue West	\$750	\$150	\$1,000	\$200	Large, split-level, 2 living rooms, off-street parking, storage	D
2	1	620 15th Avenue	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	D	5	2	1521 8th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,145	\$229	Nice sized rooms, new paint, W/D, big yard, good location	H
2	1	1506 6th Street	\$420	\$210	\$590	\$295	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	D	5	2	2006 5th Street #A	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	Nice, large house, good sized rooms, W/D off-street parking	3
2	1	2121 5th Street #A	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4	5	1.5	1107 2nd Street West	\$1,125	\$225	\$1,325	\$265	Nice sized rooms, good layout, excellent location, W/D	H
2	1	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4	5	2	203 13th Avenue West	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,370	\$274	Big house, 2 kitchens, washer/dryer, excellent location	H
2	1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4	5	2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,375	\$275	Large house, some extras, W/D, parking, excellent location	D
2	1	421 13th Avenue West	\$425	\$213	\$545	\$273	Nice apartment w/ hardwood floors, parking, lawn care incl.	D	5	2	321 14th Avenue West	\$1,250	\$250	\$1,475	\$295	Great house, nice rooms, W/D, parking, close to campus	H
2	1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$430	\$215	\$540	\$270	Large apt, hardwood floors, parking, lawn care included	D	5	2	1708 6th Street #A	\$1,325	\$265	\$1,525	\$305	Fabulous apartment, W/D, big rooms, parking, has everything!	D
2	1	619 13th Avenue	\$450	\$225	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4	6	2	1402 8th Street	\$600	\$100	\$800	\$133	Corner lot, washer/dryer, off-street parking, full basement	H
2	1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	\$460	\$230	n/a	n/a	Nice sized rooms, great location, WSG, heat & HW included	4	6	2	504 10th Street	\$900	\$150	\$1,180	\$197	Huge house, big rooms, W/D, basement storage, parking	H
2	1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	\$500	\$250	\$660	\$330	Large, nice rooms, very close to campus, great apartment	3	6	2	415 13th Avenue West	\$1,050	\$175	\$1,300	\$217	Modern house, large bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
2	1	802 6th Avenue #5	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Great apartment, huge rooms, includes utilities & parking	6	6	2	321 20th Avenue #A	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D parking, storage	4
2	1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6	6	2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D parking, storage	4
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW, incl.	6	6	2	408 18th Avenue East	\$1,350	\$225	\$1,590	\$265	Newly remodeled kitchen & bathroom, W/D, great house	H
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #5	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Nice, good sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6	6	2.5	802 12th Avenue	\$1,375	\$229	\$1,630	\$272	Very nice house, remodeled, W/D, rec. room, garage & more	H
3	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$480	\$160	\$565	\$188	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D	7	2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,225	\$175	\$1,485	\$212	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street	\$545	\$182	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D									

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Nov 17th, '07:

- Jack-Fest, 10pm @ Stones Throw, Eau Claire \$4

Nov 19th, '07:

- BDP Battle of the Bands (registration deadline)

Nov 22nd, '07:

- Thanksgiving, your house FREE

Nov 24th, '07:

- Golden, 10pm @ Stones Throw, Eau Claire \$5

Nov 29th, '07:

- Open Mic, 8pm Underground FREE

Nov 30th, '07:

- Transformers 7pm APPA 210 FREE
- Charlie Parr, 10pm Waterfront FREE
- Heiruspecs, 10pm @ Stones Throw, Eau Claire \$5

Movies

Nov 16th, '07:

- Love in the time of Cholera
- Beowulf

Nov 21st, '07:

- Enchanted
- Stephen King's "The Mist"
- August Rush

CD Releases

Nov 20th, '07:

- Seal: System
- Shaggy: Intoxication

Nov 27th, '07:

- Mudvayne: By the People, For the People

DVD Releases

Nov 20th, '07:

- Live Free or Die Hard (Unrated)
- Hairspray
- Santa Clause 3

Nov 27th, '07:

- I know Who Killed Me
- Mr. Bean's Holiday
- Hot Fuzz
- Skin Walkers

Alarmists give alarmingly good show

Elena Griggs
Staff Writer

The Alarmists band performed at the Underground on Thursday, Nov. 8. After about 10 minutes of set up, the band's front man Eric Lovold introduced himself and the rest of the band to the audience.

The stage lights blazed as the Alarmists began to play their first set of songs. It was apparent that this was an experienced band that had a very clear and distinctive sound.

Their music contains elements of classic rock mixed with a catchy Brit pop sound, somewhat reminiscent of the Beatles.

Unlike many up and coming bands, there was a strong sense of synchronicity between each of the members, lending to a set of incredibly strong and impactful songs.

The band demonstrated they have the ability to play a broad range of music that reflects music similar to the Beatles, David Bowie, Radiohead and many 1970s and 1980s rock bands.

In particular, the song "Hired Gun" stands out among the rest of their songs from their debut album, "The Ghost and The Hired Gun," as being one of the catchiest with an incredibly addictive sound. This one song alone might succeed in making an Alarmist fan out of anyone.

Lovold, who is in his mid 20s, graduated from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities with a major in English, which he chose because he loves to write and "learn for the sake of learning."

On how being an English major helped him become a successful musician, Lovold said, "I didn't want to force myself into studying or majoring in something just so I could have better job prospects...as a result I found that all of my experiences in taking intensive writing classes really helped me become a better song writer, and I began enjoying the process of writing songs much more."

Lovold said the band draws inspiration from classic rock, like The Strokes and Pink Floyd. To many music listeners, the lyrics of a song are considered equally important to the melody or rhythm.

Lovold further explained the particular messages found in the lyrics of their music, saying, "Our music always touches on major aspects of the human condition, like relationships and important life experiences that almost everyone can relate to."

These days the band has the chance to practice their music more often because they recently built their own recording studio. The studio itself is of great help in getting the entire band prepared for larger events like those at First Avenue in Minneapolis. Just this past month, the Alarmists were the



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

Alarmist guitarists Eric Lovold, left, and Ryan McMillan make good use of the Underground stage as they rock out (above). The entire band had a memorable performance with good chemistry and stage presence.



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

feature band at a sold-out show that got rave reviews from the Pioneer Press, Star Tribune and City Pages.

The band's performance at First Ave was "a memorable experience."

"We had the chance to work with some very professional people while setting up for the concert, plus it was an amazing atmosphere with a lively crowd."

Ever since the Alarmist hit the Twin Cities music scene back in 2005, they have been picking up steam and playing for larger venues such as the Basilica Block Party in Minneapolis this past summer, as well as performances in New York City.

"Performing for events like the Basilica Block Party is amazing because we can reach a lot of people in an exciting environment, but it's also really rewarding and less stressful to play in front of a smaller crowd."

The band has its sights set on performing at First Avenue and other venues, both small and large, in the months to come.

Needless to say, the band is pumped about its next performance at First Avenue, which should more than likely be a sold out show. If you are considering getting tickets to the show, I would try getting them well ahead of time because this band is quickly being recognized as one of the hottest bands both in, out and around the Twin Cities area.

To sample some of their tracks or find out a little more about this intriguing band visit www.myspace.com/thealarmists. The following songs are available for preview on their Myspace: "On the Way, Hired Gun," "Try to be Kind," "Light a Smoke."

The Alarmists' official Web site is located at www.thealarmistsband.com.

Denver boys come to town, win crowd and woo ladies

Amanda Katz

Staff Writer

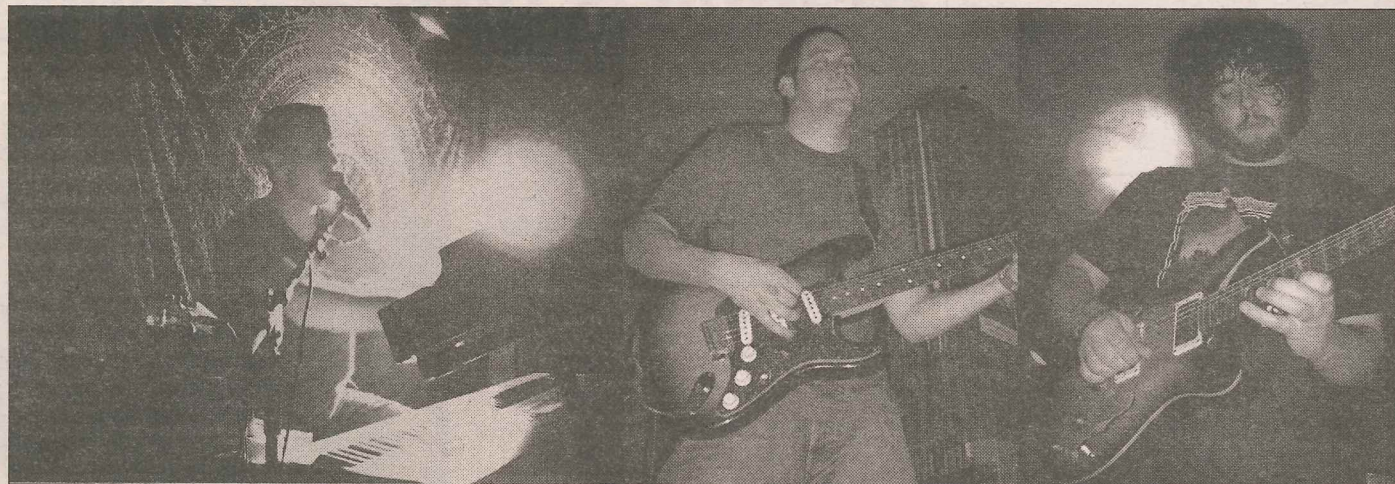
Last Tuesday night the Waterfront was rockin' with the presence of a musical group called Kinetix from Denver. Kinetix is a five-part group that describes their music as a mixture of rock-funk-progressive-pop. They formed out of Colorado while attending college at the University of Denver. They've recently released an album called "Talking to Faces" which exhibits energetic songs that subconsciously make you move your body and sing out loud.

Hearing their music is very impressive but seeing them live takes it to a whole different level. Words can't describe the energy of the band members as they perform. It's very obvious that they are devoted to and passionate about what they do:

"We're just ordinary people, fortunate to do what we love to do and to see new people all the time that really enjoy it," said group member Jordan Linit.

The show was a hit, playing songs from their new and old albums, and even throwing a little Rage Against the Machine. Only optimistic things were said by fans such as University of Wisconsin-Stout student Jacquelyn Duchac who told interviewers, "Kinetix was dank!"

Frank Cupery got really into the music explaining that, "As soon as the music hits my lungs it makes me feel alive again."



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

Kinetix rocked the joint with a well-lit stage and groove-inducing music. They played to a packed Waterfront and had the crowd shakin' what their mothers gave them all night long.

Q: How and when did you guys form Kinetix?

A: It was May 2004. We met at Denver University. Josh and Jordan grew up together in Columbia and have been playing together since high school but it wasn't until college that we all got together.

Q: What do you guys like to do in your free time?

A: Since we're from Colorado we like to go up to the mountains, go skiing and snowboarding. I like to play my guitar by myself sometimes.

Q: How would you describe your sound?

A: It's kind of like rock-funk-progressive-pop all at the same time. You listen to the CD and decide for yourself.

Q: Why are you at the Waterfront?

A: Matt Houdek booked us and I've seen the venue before and thought it would be a cool place to check out.

Q: What is the tour you are on like?

A: It's a six week tour that has taken us coast to coast all the way from Cali to Boston. This is a tour for our new album Talking to Faces.

Q: Who are some of your other musical influences?

A: Red Hot Chili Peppers, Dave Mathews Band, Miles Davis, Stevie Ray Vaughn

Q: What do you think of Wisconsin and will you come back?

A: It has a very subtle beauty, very elegant, the scenery and the women.

Q: Do you have groupies?

A: In some cities, yeah, both female and male. They're both sometimes scary.

Waterfront: Bringing the scene to Menomonie

Amanda Katz

Staff Writer

To most of you, the Waterfront is a place with awesome wings, delicious bloody marys and a wild staff, but what some of you may not be aware of is that the night music scene is the best part. Matt Houdek, Waterfront's Talent Buyer or "Manager of the Funk" (which better suits him), books bands from all over the US to come and play.

Waterfront hosts free live music every, yes every, Thursday night. When describing the types of bands that he books Matt said, "Mostly independent, original music playing bands that vary in style, but which all fall under the umbrella genre of jamband, a genre which includes everything from bluegrass and jazz/funk, to reggae and progressive rock groups."

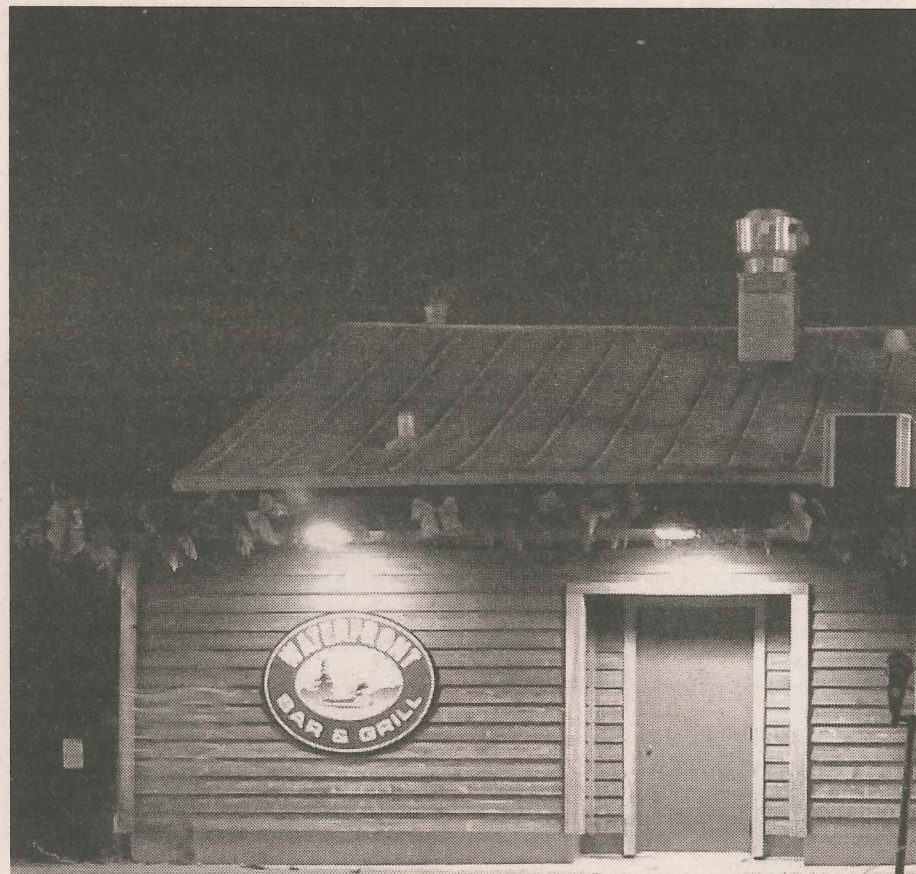
Not only do they host music on Thursdays but occasionally on Saturdays there are somewhat bigger bands and randomly there will be a show booked on an off-night (Sunday-Tuesday) when national touring bands just happen to be passing through the area and need a place to play. Shows usually attract 80-120+ people, especially on Thursdays.

Waterfront has hosted and booked some pretty unruly shows lately including Charlie Parr, Hyentye with Heavy J & the Fantastics,

Cornmeal, The .357 String Band and Down Lo. "For next semester, a bunch of exciting stuff is in the making including a return trip by Trampled by Turtles (who obliterated the place last time they came), a show by the Iowa based septet, Euforquestra, and I'm negotiating right now for a possible show by Hot Buttered Rum, which would be amazing, but is still unconfirmed," explained Matt.

Matt played in a band for a couple years and has accumulated many different contacts and companions in the music business. "I just sort of scout out bands through venues that cater to similar acts, or more recently, the bands contact me because Waterfront has gained such a good reputation as being a great place to play that offers dank beer, a good vibe and guaranteed exposure," said Matt.

So check out the Waterfront on Thursday nights and guaranteed you will be impressed with what you hear. Matt declared, "I think a lot of people come to The Front just because we offer something a little bit different. I mean, where else can you get a Bell's Two Hearted Ale on tap while hanging out with good people and getting down to the funk. The funk is infectious... and good beer is the nectar of the gods!" Stop in this Thursday night, Nov. 15, for a group called Enchanted Ape. Why? Because everybody loves a big, sexy dance party!



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

The Waterfront is one of the only places in town where people can have a chance to experience the underground music scene. The bar is booked with musical entertainment through May.

Bavarian bier ist gut | Das Bierhaus: an alternative to the norm

Andy Hahn
Staff Writer

Plenty of establishments in Menomonie, Wis cater to our apparent desire to yell over loud music and drink average-tasting beer. While shouting at friends in a crowded bar may never lose its charm and average beer is firmly rooted in college tradition, Das Bierhaus offers a culturally distinct alternative for your entertainment needs.

Das Bierhaus is an authentic Bavarian brewery and beer hall which opened in January of this year. True to its claim, Das Bierhaus serves authentic German food and brews its own beer.

To create a beer hall atmosphere, traditional German music is streamed over the Internet and the décor was purchased entirely in Germany.

At night, the music is still streamed from Germany, but you would never know it until you hear the announcer speak German.

The beer brewed at Das Bierhaus follows the Reinheitsgebot of 1516 which ensures the purity of the beer. Robert Wilber, Das Bierhaus' brew master, is a native German and earned his brewing degree in Germany before coming stateside.

Five beers are continuously brewed at Das Bierhaus with four seasonal beers also in the rotation. German wines are also available.

"Our boots are a novelty," said Marge Quale, one of the owners of Das Bierhaus.

A boot is nothing short of amazing the first time you order it. Two liters of beer in a boot shaped glass is shared between friends, usually accompanied with the tradition of flicking the boot before passing and receiving.

"I really like the Hefeweizen," said Darin Kovalske, a senior in engineering technology, when asked about what beer he has ordered for the boot.

The kitchen is managed by the brew

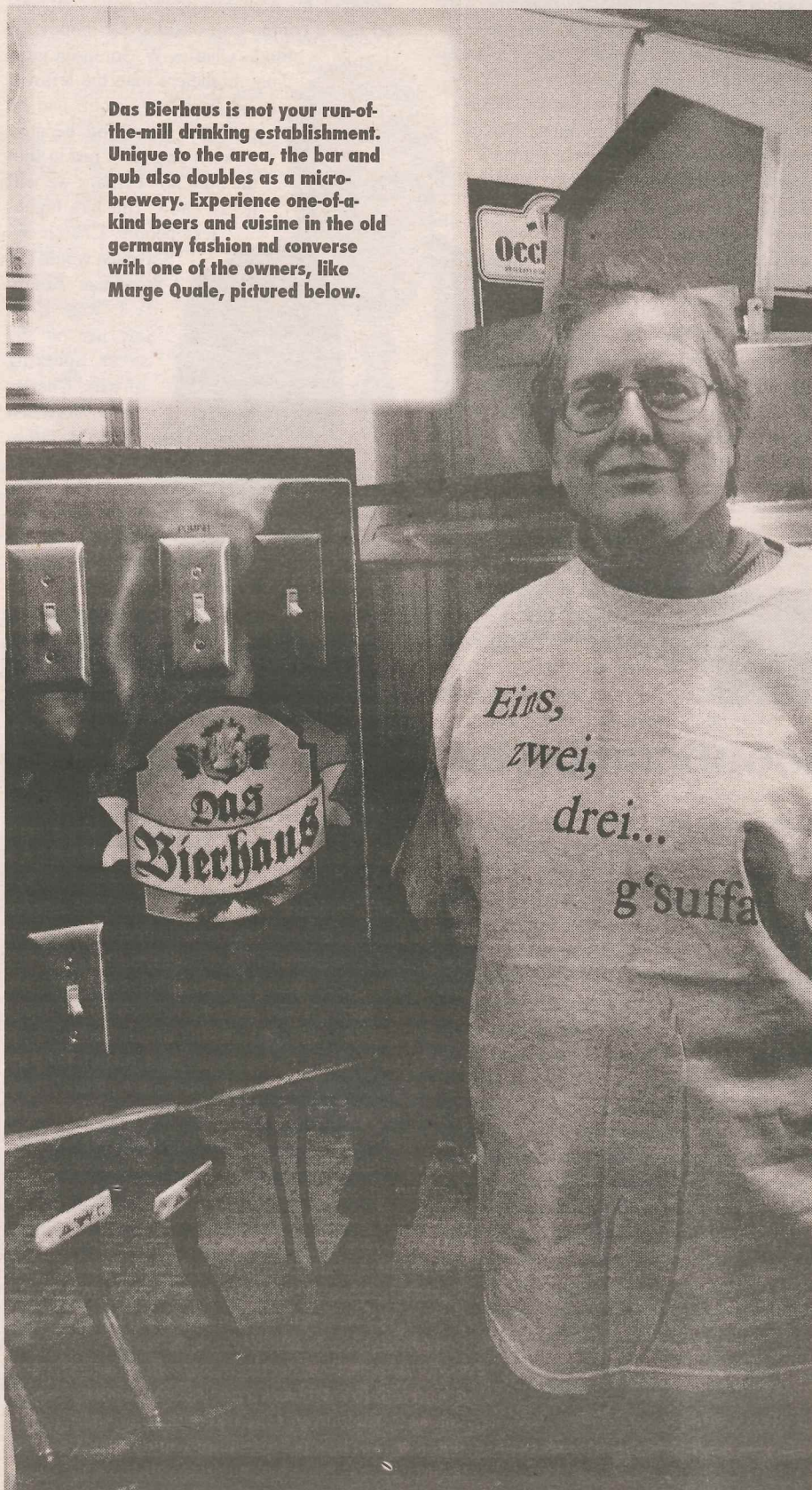
master's wife, Karen. Schnitzel and currywurst mit pommes are popular items on the menu. Vegetarians are accompanied by options tailored towards them as well.

"Our menu has changed about every month as we've got feedback," said Quale.

Das Bierhaus is open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Tues., Weds., Thurs., and Sun., 11 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. The kitchen is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information go to www.dasbierhaus-wi.com.

Das Bierhaus is not your run-of-the-mill drinking establishment. Unique to the area, the bar and pub also doubles as a micro-brewery. Experience one-of-a-kind beers and cuisine in the old germany fashion nd converse with one of the owners, like Marge Quale, pictured below.



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Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen: raw and uncut

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Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen: who is he? And what does he do? He's been chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stout since 1988, or as long as many people at this school have been alive. His job is pretty much to make sure UW-Stout runs smoothly. But who is the real Charles W. Sorensen?

If Charles W. Sorensen wasn't chancellor, he'd be teaching college-level 17th century American history because he admires people who settled the colonies, though strangely enough, he has never ridden a Greyhound bus with the Amish. This is strange because normally, everyone who has an interest in 17th century American history rides the Greyhound with the Amish at least once. Charles Ingalls lived like the Amish, and he also happens to be Charles W. Sorensen's favorite character on *Little House on the Prairie*.

Is that because they share the same first name, or because they both like to give their kids awe-inspiring nicknames like "half-pint?" Charles W. Sorensen, like Charles Ingalls, does not play "Dungeons and Dragons" because neither one are/were computer savvy much, though both enjoy/probably enjoyed computers.

Charles W. Sorensen has never been mugged, but homeless people have confronted him a couple times asking for money for food. Charles W. Sorensen gave one homeless man the leftover food from eating out. Did he give this man food because he's a nice guy, or just to shut the bum up? Perhaps we will never know. But like homeless people, Charles W.

Sorensen would not recognize Amanda J. Katz if he saw her on the street. Speaking of cats, Charles W. Sorensen would rather have a cat than a dog because he doesn't

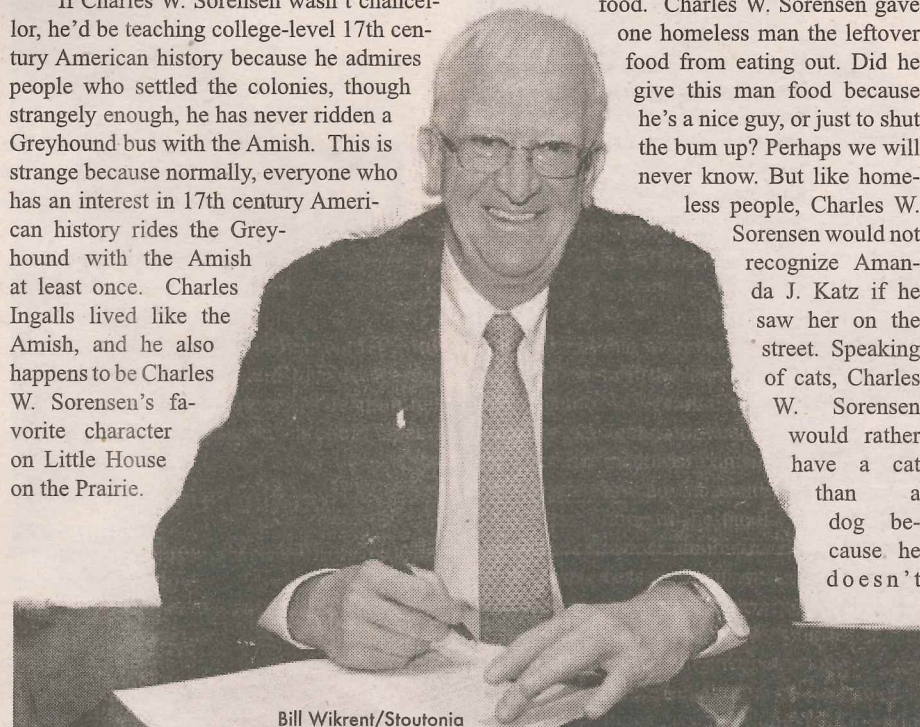
like the smell of dogs. He doesn't even like dogs if they're winning. "At UW-Stout we do walk the talk; we are mission-driven and market-smart, serving select markets extremely well," said Charles W. Sorensen.

Charles W. Sorensen respects many professors who have come and gone throughout the years, including Bruce Maylath, whom Charles W. Sorensen claims, if they were to cross paths again, he would shake hands with rather than hug, and perhaps pat him on the back rather than the butt because it would not be a sports situation. "I noticed immediately that the student body here was extremely focused and very mature," said Charles W. Sorensen. Speaking of butts, people were allowed to smoke in Harvey Hall years ago. That has nothing to do with Charles W. Sorensen, it is just interesting.

Charles W. Sorensen is an amazing human being. It's not his charity work, his cool parking space that he pays for, his love of history or anything else like that, it's the fact that he actually picked up a seven-ten split bowling.

UW-Stout is fortunate to have a chancellor with the credentials Charles W. Sorensen has. He can type, he can add and subtract, he speaks only English like a true American and he has a bunch of framed fancy pieces of paper scattered about his office. "Clearly, this is the best position I have ever held and I am extremely proud to serve here as Chancellor with such a fine faculty, staff and student body," said Charles W. Sorensen.

If Charles W. Sorensen quit being a chancellor, UW-Stout would be chancellorless.



Bill Wikrent/Stoutonia

Ruckus Weekly Top Ten

Hooray! Students are actually using this nifty little program that the university worked so hard to give us in order to combat illegal mp3 pirating.

It's time to see what UW-Stout students are listening to. Here are the top ten most-downloaded songs from Ruckus for the past week.

1. "Bubbly" - Colbie Caillat
2. "Apologize" - Timbaland
3. "Stronger" - Kanye West
4. "Kiss Kiss" - Chris Brown
5. "Crank That" - Soulja Boy
6. "The Way I Are" - Timbaland
7. "Good Life" - Kanye West
8. "Gimme More" - Britney Spears
9. "The Great Escape" - Boys Like Girls
10. "What I've Done" - Linkin Park

Ruckus is a free ad-supported music and media download service built specifically for college students. The service provides unlimited download access to a library of more than 3 million high-fidelity songs including all of the major labels and thousands of indies with new music added every week.

Iconoclastic band fronted by mad social visionary calls for revolution

Tony Spencer
Staff Writer

Caesar Pink and the Imperial Orgy is unlike any musical phenomenon one could find. A band whose style has resonated old-school punk, psychedelic funk and experimental art rock, managed to stray from common alternative standards as well as their own for their album, "Gospel Hymns For Agnostics And Atheists."

The title is most assured to command one's attention. It alone often starts the cycle of controversy surrounding the band. They have been banned from airplay for being "anti-religion," "unethical" and "too political." They've even canceled shows due to threats of extreme violence or the eruption of riots at the venue. And this isn't from more conservative markets; even college radio and media has less than embraced the band's tracks.

But there is nothing explicitly or implicitly blasphemous or heretic about it. It does not promote or defy any particular sect or faction of religion, but rather illustrates more universal truth.

The music has a folk twinge to it, with a

traditional rock flow, and spiritually uplifting overtones. If Bob Dylan had started writing songs in this era, this is what he'd have written. Also, in the spirit of being truly unifying and cohesive, the third track "So It Is" derives its rhythms from the style of South African "Township Music."

The truly original lyrical performance is brilliant; the words are not just lyrics to a song, but pure poetry. They are not just heard or read, they are felt and experienced. No one walks away untouched.

Perhaps this is why they have been repeated targets of censorship and protest. Perhaps the reason that Pink and his orgy are often so fiendishly contested is because they present raw thoughts and ideas reflected from the very face of the human condition.

Rock 'n' roll has an association with drugs, and The Orgy does not disappoint with lines like "Pills can make you happy, I seen it on TV. So drug me with your video screens, S&M scenes and altered genes, drug me drug me till I believe," from the album's first track "The Amazing Tenacity of Job & His Brethren."

The song's chorus follows, echoing, We preach what we lack, we curse what we sow, and

people are the opposite of what they show."

The controversy, the debate, the violence, the passion elicited by the sounds of this band tells us something vital. That this band does not just make music, they do not just make records; they create art.

Pink, the band's enigmatic leader, feels, "Art is either revolutionary or conformity." That being said, Pink is disturbed by trends in the censorship of expression on college radio. Depriving free access to the media deprives artists of a voice to reach people.

"It's a sign of the conformist spirit that America has taken," said Pink. "Americans have forgotten that music is an artform with which to express ideas, and that there was a time when rock music was a conduit for social change."

These lyrics clearly do not condone reckless chemical consumption or active rebellion of any sort. They simply reflect some of the hypocrisy of common life. And that is why they are met with such malice. They challenge the power structure at its core ideas. They expose the overlooked.

In the song "Praise of Shadows" they profess that, "Everybody's got a skeleton somewhere." Maybe this is an example of

what arouses such contempt; skeletons are where they are because people want them hidden. Later in that verse they ask, "What should we do now? Should we huddle in the corner, live with fear in our hearts?"

Do we hide from our skeletons, do we fear our truth? It would seem that many do.

Caesar Pink and the Imperial Orgy may offend because they make art and good art is made to offend. To be offended one must feel the foundation of their beliefs has been challenged or threatened.

This implies that not only does one possess a foundation of beliefs, but feels its preservation to be a priority. The artist's goal is not to make friends, but to make thinkers.

This is what The Orgy does and this is why they rock.

They refer to the tracks as "Gospel Hymns" because the specific concoction of chords and comprehensive lyrics compose ballads of being. They say they're for Agnostics and Atheists because they speak of a "Ubiquitous experience of spirit transcendent of any specific doctrine."

Those with an open mind can dive deeper into the heart of The Orgy, for good or for ill, by visiting www.theimperialorgy.com.

Around the world in Columns | Taste your Norwegian roots

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

For a large number of individuals in Wisconsin and Minnesota, Norway is a land of ancestors; a place where many of us found our beginnings and continue to pay homage to this country.

Norway is a country in Northern Europe, and meets up with both seas and oceans. This Scandinavian country is home to a rich culture full of folklore, unique traditions and a cuisine as notorious as its legends.

Countless tales of "lutefisk and lefse" have resounded throughout this state and for the unfortunate few that have lived to tell about it, lutefisk is an all too real part of this culture's culinary palate. It goes far beyond lye soaked cod, however.

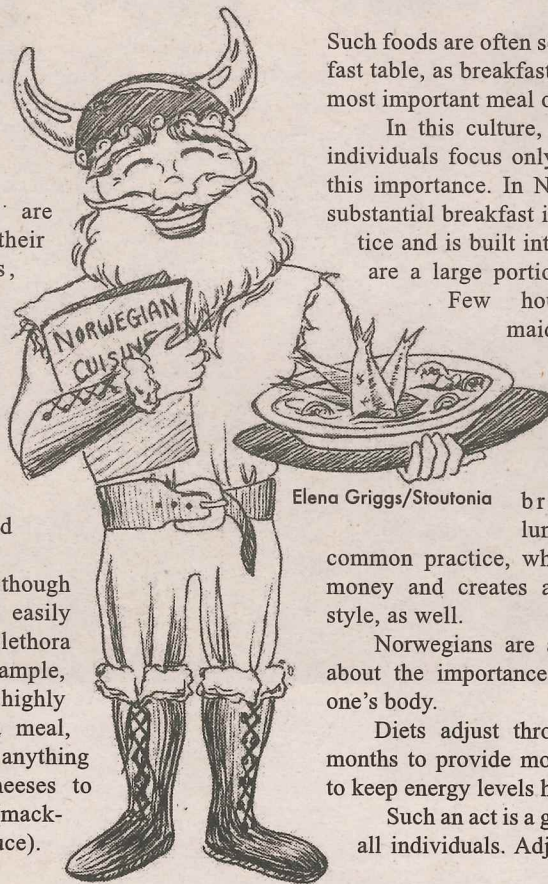
The foods found in this land are worth looking into and what better opportunity is there, since this area provides so many shops and stores ready to spread the Norwegian heritage and cuisine to anxious and willing individuals.

Norway does not lend itself well to agriculture. Its summers are short and the soil is less than ideal. This means food preser-

vation methods, such as smoking, drying and salting, are key to providing a yearly supply of food.

Norwegians are often noted for their resourcefulness, and this is seen through other food production methods. Because fresh produce is limited, this country thrives on meat and dairy livestock, grains and of course, fish.

These staples, though seemingly few, are easily transformed into a plethora of meals. For example, bread, which is a highly common part of a meal, may be topped with anything from jams and cheeses to "makrell i tomat" (mackerel in tomato sauce).



Elena Griggs/Stoutonia

Such foods are often seen at the breakfast table, as breakfast is, after all, the most important meal of the day.

In this culture, however, many individuals focus only on the idea of this importance. In Norway, eating a substantial breakfast is common practice and is built into family life, as are a large portion of all meals.

Few households have maids or cooks to take the place of a family member in the kitchen. Likewise, brown-bagging lunch is also a common practice, which saves time, money and creates a healthier lifestyle, as well.

Norwegians are also very savvy about the importance of listening to one's body.

Diets adjust through the winter months to provide more nutrients and to keep energy levels high.

Such an act is a great message for all individuals. Adjusting to winter

may be a lot easier if the time is taken to listen to what one's body is trying to say. Food intake should change with the seasons to yield a healthier, happier person.

If all else fails and Wisconsin's winter just doesn't feel right, board the next plane to the stunning country of Norway, and experience winter the Norwegian way. It will be well worth the travel. While there, try some of the Norske-inspired foods to expand not only knowledge, but palate as well.

Should these foods intrigue the mind, take a moment to do some research. [Http://www.ssib.no](http://www.ssib.no) provides a wealth of information about the habits, lifestyle and foods of the Norwegian culture.

Look for pictures online, as well. Though it's not the same as in person, it is certainly worth the mental escape it provides.

To indulge in the many beauties of authentic Norwegian cuisine, take a trip to Osseo, Wis., to the Norske Nook, a quaint Norwegian restaurant with a variety of homemade menu choices, from lefse to sandwiches, as well as a full bakery.

Further information can be found at www.norskenook.com or by calling 715-597-3069.

Norwegian Food Terms

- Norvegia/Jarlsberg:** a white cheese, very mild flavor
Brunost: "brown cheese"- there are various types. Has a sweet, rich flavor
Mellomgrovt: dark bread, medium content of whole grains
Grovtbrød/Grovt: dark bread, high content of whole grains
Knekkebrød: dehydrated, square pieces of bread
Lompe: thin, flat, soft bread made from potatoes. Looks like a pancake or tortilla, often served with hotdogs
Hurtigris: pre-cooked rice, needs only a few minutes to prepare
Middagris: "dinner rice" regular rice which requires regular cooking procedures
Grøttris: rice for making rice porridge, commonly enjoyed with cinnamon and sugar
Vafler: dessert waffles, commonly enjoyed with marmalade or brunost (brown cheese)
Boller/Hveteboller: sweet wheat buns
Tran: cod liver oil, not used for cooking, but as a supplement of Vitamin A and D
Makrell i tomat: mackerel in tomato sauce, similar to tinned sardines
Fiskboller/Fiskepudding: finely ground and spiced fish
Fiskekaker: fish burgers
Fiskepinner: fish "fingers"- cod breaded with flour and spices
Reker: shrimp (prawns)
Torsk/Torskfilet: cod fillets
Sei: coalfish (pollack)
Ørret: trout
Laks: salmon
Leverpostei: spread made of pork liver
Skinke/Servelat/Pølse: types of sliced ham and sausage, commonly eaten on bread
Kjøttdeig: minced meat with added water and salt
Multer: cloudberry

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Hockey's best start in UW-Stout history

Blue Devil men's hockey team continues their winning streak

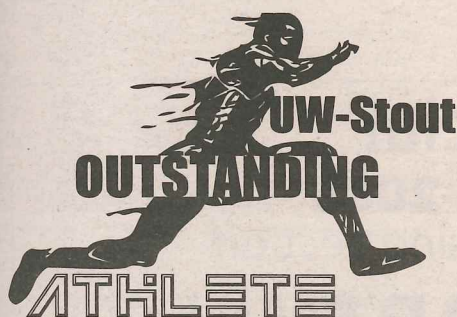


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The Blue Devil hockey team celebrates after scoring a goal against Hamline University.

By Michael Broetzmann
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's hockey team continues its success, as they have recently improved their record to 7-0-0, with an impressive win over Hamline University and grinded out a few close games against Augsburg College, St. Olaf College and Gustavus Adolphus College. With the non-conference play coming to a halt, and Northern Collegiate Hockey Association opening tonight, will the team continue this streak against the tough teams of the NCHA?



The Gustavus Adolphus Gusties took over the hockey game early, scoring two goals in the first period. However, sixth-ranked UW-Stout rallied back, knotting the score with two goals in the second period.

UW-Stout's Paul Henderson scored the game-winning goal in the third period, lifting UW-Stout to a come-from-behind victory over Gustavus Adolphus College on Saturday, Nov. 10th.

The NCHA brings to the table eight teams from both public and private schools from western Minnesota and northern Wisconsin. The schools of the conference include: St. Norbert, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, the University of Wisconsin-Superior, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, St. Scholastica, Lake Forest and UW-Stout. Here is

the rundown of each team in the conference:

St. Norbert's: St. Norbert's was picked in the pre-season NCHA coaches' poll to win the conference, in addition to being ranked second in the nation in the pre-season polls. Additionally, they are trying to fight for their share of the NCHA title for the seventh consecutive season. Don't be fooled, this team is young, as their roster has 12 freshmen. In the net for St. Norbert's is Kyle Jones, who holds the NCAA Div. III record for shutouts with 16. Additionally, he is only five wins away from setting the all-time Div. III win leader in the goal.

UW-River Falls: UW-River Falls is another school that is expected to do big

things again this year. Already, they have climbed in the national polls to third place. They return to the ice the NCHA player of the year, TJ Dahl, who has already tallied 10 assists in five games this year. UW-River Falls will be hurting in the goal this year, as they have lost all three of their goalies from the previous season, including A.J. Bucchino, who was a first team all-conference goalie the past two seasons.

UW-Superior: UW-Superior is a team that brings several veterans to the rink, including their three top scorers, and also bringing back seven of their defensemen including one All-American.

St. Scholastica: St. Scholastica was a team that was rather quiet last season until the playoffs, where they defeated UW-River Falls to advance to the NCHA championship game. They were a strong team last season, and with only two members from the team graduating, they can be expected to be a strong team again this season.

UW-Eau Claire: In spite of having a new head coach and no returning goalie, the Blugolds are still not a team that any other team in the conference should look at as an easy win. The team will return their four top scorers to the ice.

UW-Stevens Point: UW-Stevens Point is another team in the conference also facing the challenge of having a first year coach. Don't be fooled by this, as they are one of the teams that has been gaining attention and receiving votes in the national polls and emerging as a solid team within the conference. This is another team that will play hard all season, as they return both their leading scorer, as well as their goalie.

Lake Forest: This is the dead fish in the conference. Don't expect much out of them as they seemed to struggle last season, as they tallied only three wins in 27 games, and did not win any games in the NCHA. They do return two of their goalies and their leading scorer, but if they didn't win with them last year, what makes them



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UW-Stout sophomore Scott Motz faces off against a Hamline University adversary.

think they can do the trick this year?

Looking at the impressive list of teams, and a long season ahead, I wanted to find out what head coach Terry Watkins had to say. "It isn't uncommon for a coach to say that every game is a big game, but this year that is the real reality: every game is a big game," said Watkins. He has the experience to back up that statement, as he is in his 12th season as the varsity coach. "In the NCHA this year we have three teams (UW-Stout, St. Norbert, UW-River Falls) in national rankings already, and another two teams (Stevens Point, Superior) receiving votes, the conference is going to be very competitive. When us coaches got together in the NCHA we all agree we wouldn't be surprised to see a team go 9-5 in the NCHA and win the conference," said Watkins.

UW-Stout will begin this conference play Thursday Nov. 15 at the Dunn County Ice Arena as they will take center ice against UW-Superior in what is sure to be an intense game to the very end. The puck will drop at 7:30 p.m. as the team will begin its journey towards another NCHA title.

Paul Henderson

This six-foot-two-inch sophomore from Menomonie, Wis. saw action in all 28 games last season. He scored his first collegiate goal against Gustavus Adolphus on November 4th of 2006. In high school, Henderson was second team all-conference, and an honorable mention all-state.



Women's basketball starts with exhibition loss

By Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's basketball team began its season on Nov. 4 with an exhibition loss to the nationally ranked University of Wisconsin-Madison.

This season the Blue Devils are adding seven freshmen to the roster, including Alex Suda, Becky Wyngaard, Alicia Todd, Kristen Laramy, Brittany Gerber, Niki Skillman, and Shelby Churchill. Returning this season are sophomores Julia Hirssig, Stephanie Stawski, Danielle DeWitt, Kim Stokke, Megan Maslowski, and Sam Meyer, juniors Lindsey Gerber, Charlee Edwards, Niki Wyngaard, and Dani Boese, and seniors Lindsey Giessler and Joanna Bird.

UW-Stout is returning 13 letter-winners. There are two sister combinations on the team this season with freshman Brittany Gerber and junior Lindsey Gerber and freshman Becky Wyngaard and junior Niki Wyngaard.

The Blue Devils started the game against the Badgers strong as they scored the first eight points. UW-Stout made their first three shots of the game. The first shot was a three-point shot by Bird. After the Blue Devils made their first three shots of the game, the Badgers gained their lead after the first six minutes of the game and were never behind again.

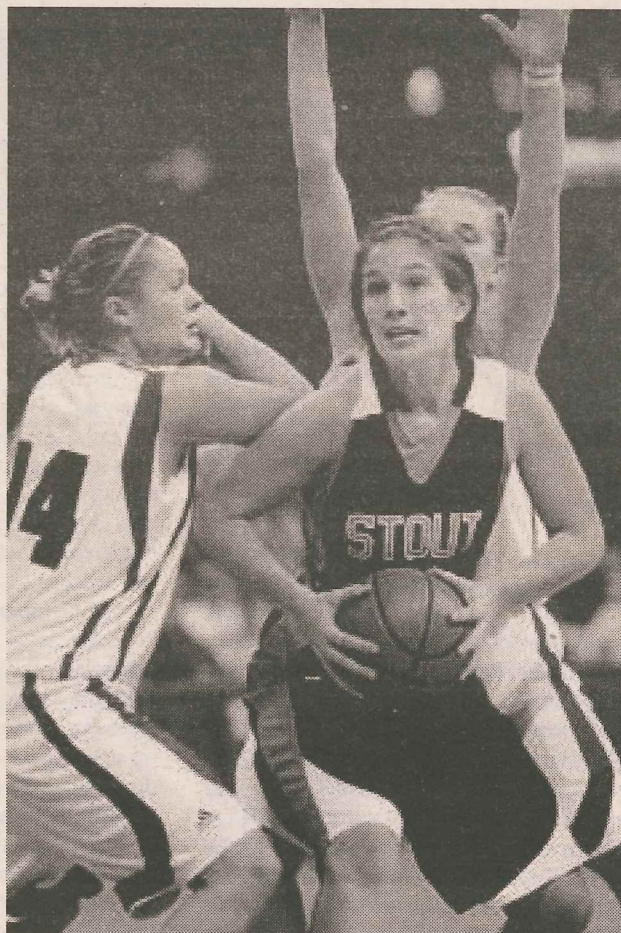
While the Blue Devils put up a strong fight, they ended up losing with a score of 60-98. Leading scorers for UW-Stout were Hirssig with 16 points, and Bird and

Geissler both added in nine points. Boese led the way in rebounds with seven. UW-Stout had a 38.6 percent field goal percentage by hitting 22 of 57 shots and they had a 33.3 three-point percentage, hitting six of 18. UW-Stout also had 29 rebounds.

This will be head coach Mark Thomas' 21st season at UW-Stout. The Blue Devils have won the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship for the last three years straight and they have made it to the National Collegiate Athletic Association playoffs as well.

This season the team is losing two-time All-American and WIAC player of the year Kelsey Duoss, who played post. Thomas said, "Life after her will be a challenge early on." The Blue Devils finished with a record of 23-6 last season.

The team is returning six players who played in all 29 games and nine players who played in 20 or more games. This season Thomas will be looking to Geissler to



Contributed photo by Layne Pitt

UW-Stout sophomore Julia Hirssig looks to pass the ball to a fellow teammate against UW-Madison in Madison, Wis.

play the point guard spot predominately. Thomas believes that Geissler has a lot of skill and savvy for the game. "Defensive-

ly, she can take the grind off, picking up the opponent at half court, defensively," said Thomas. Thomas will so be looking to Lindsey Gerber who is coming off of knee surgery. "She is stronger and able to do more," said Thomas. "She is playing with more confidence and gained a lot of experience."

Suda and Todd are expected to see some playing time as freshmen this season. Becky Wyngaard, Skillman and Brittany Gerber are also expected to make some appearances.

This season will be a challenge for the Blue Devils with such a young team, but Thomas isn't changing his expectations. "My expectations are not to take a step backwards, but we will be different," said Thomas.

Thomas also has a completely new staff this season. UW-Stout basketball alumni, Erin Churchill will be the assistant coach. Churchill played for UW-Stout from 2001-2005. Marianne Galfano was also added to the coaching staff this season. Former assistant coach, Mark Noll left the Blue Devils to take a head coaching position at the University of Dubuque. Erin Crank also left the coaching staff to pursue a management position in central Wisconsin.

The team will open its season at the Minnesota State Mankato tournament on Nov. 15 and 16. Then the team will play Northwestern College on Nov. 20. Over Thanksgiving break the team will host the UW-Stout tournament. They begin conference play on Dec. 1 against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at home.

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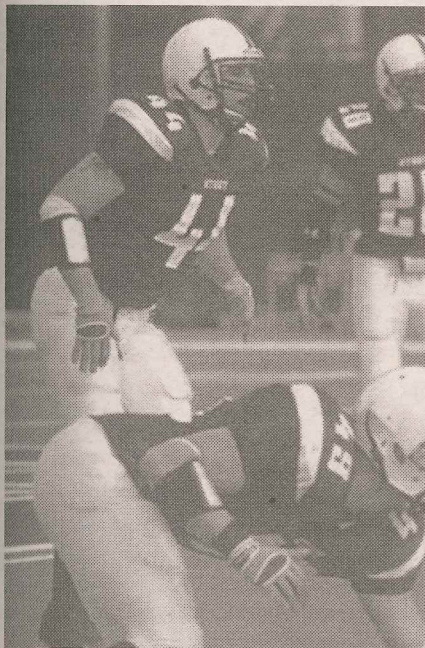
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UW-Stout football gets whitewashed



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Senior Stephen Schils prepares for a UW-Whitewater offensive play.

By Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

Although the chances were slim to none, the University of Wisconsin-Stout football team held out hope that they could squeak their way into the postseason.

These hopes were trampled as the Warhawks of the University of Wisconsin-

Whitewater were able to run the ball early and often, to clinch their third consecutive conference championship with a decisive 26-10 victory.

The Blue Devils had to fight through turnovers and a consistently tough Warhawks defense but came up on the short end as the clock read zeroes.

The game seemed to be getting out of hand early, as UW-Whitewater's All-American running back Justin Beaver followed up a UW-Stout turnover with a 63-yard dash to the end zone. This came after the Warhawks first scoring drive which concluded with a field goal. The run put UW-Whitewater up 10-0 early in the first quarter.

Once the UW-Stout offense got the ball back, they righted their ship and prevented a route from taking place. A pass-heavy drive that was highlighted by a sensational one-handed catch by split end Calvin White on a slant that resulted in an 18-yard gain.

The drive was capped off when Tanner Kattre rolled right and found Shawn Korth for the 11-yard touchdown pass. Following the Kyle Martin extra point, the game was close at 10-7.

UW-Stout gave the ball back on the kick off, and as the Warhawks took the field they decided to show the Blue Devils defensive backfield that they could air it out just as easily as their counterparts.

On the first play of the drive, quarter-

back Danny Jones found a streaking Aaron Rusch for a 57-yard gain, setting up UW-Whitewater's second red zone possession of the day.

They capped off the drive as Jones found Rusch slanting toward the middle of the end zone for another UW-Whitewater touchdown.

While UW-Stout wasn't able to respond directly with a touchdown of their own, kicker Brandon Raciborski was able to drill a 43-yard field goal that would bring the Blue Devils the closest they would ever get and that was with the score at 17-10 in favor of UW-Whitewater.

As the second half got underway, the defense of the Blue Devils was able to prevent UW-Whitewater from reaching the end zone again, only allowing three field goals.

The bad news was that UW-Stout's offense was unable to get anything of its own going as they were shut out the second half. Warhawks tailback took advantage of a tiring UW-Stout defense to rush for season highs in carries and rushing yards with 44 and 194, respectively.

After suffering the 26-10 loss, UW-Stout was fully eliminated from postseason play. The game was the final contest for a number of seniors on the Blue Devils at Don & Nona Williams Stadium.

The final game of the season will be played at Carson Park at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire campus.

A sad but successful ending

By Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

As the Blue Devils took the field for their last game of the season, a collaborative decision was made to leave everything the players had out on the field.

Seeing it as a last chance to play football for a while, the Blue Devils saw this decision as a no-brainer. It also will be the last time a majority of the senior players will play a competitive game, ever.

Through 60 minutes they battled the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire but came up short in a 17-14 loss as UW-Eau Claire was able to score a go ahead touchdown with a little over a minute to play.

UW-Eau Claire got off to an early lead when halfway through the first quarter, quarterback Mitch Schaeuble hooked up with receiver Tony Hull for a 40-yard touchdown, giving the Bugolds a 7-0 lead.

This remained the only scoring in the first half until Kyle Provos, playing for an injured Tanner Kattre, completed a four-yard pass to senior Shawn Korth to tie the game with 29 seconds left before halftime. Kattre was injured early in the game, which led to the insertion of Provos into the offense.

As the Bugolds received the ball to start the second half, they began on a roll. The offense was putting together a nice string of plays when senior Steve Schils continued his extravagant season by intercepting Schaeuble near midfield.

The Blue Devils took full advantage of the turnover as Provos directed a 10-play scoring drive that was capped by a touchdown reception from another senior, tight end Chase Unbehaun.

UW-Eau Claire was able to respond with a field goal on the following drive that would ultimately set up their victory in the final minutes. After the kick they trailed only 14-10. The two teams traded off drives until the ball was in UW-Eau Claire's possession and the clock read 4:17 in quarter number four. The Bugolds started off their drive at their own 46-yard line. A balance of run and pass kept the UW-Stout defense on its heels and the drive culminated in a two-yard touchdown run by Bugold running back Cory Sartorelli, giving them a 17-14 lead they wouldn't relinquish.

While they ended the season with a loss, the Blue Devils were able to get a glimpse of seasons to come as Provos had his best day as a college quarterback, completing 22 of 33 passes for 264 yards and two scores. For a team that started the season with a new coach, the Blue Devils were able to compile an overall record of 4-6, a good building block for Coach Naatz to work with.

Men's basketball to begin November 16

By Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

Tip-off is just around the corner ladies and gentlemen, and your University of Wisconsin-Stout men's basketball team is taking the court with a positive aura. The Blue Devils will be hoping to improve on last season's 12-13 season that saw Coach Ed Andrist pick up his 100th career UW-Stout victory.

The season provides promise for a successful one as the recruiting class has a deep talent pool that will allow the team to give opponents different looks on the court.

The influx of current players and newcomers will give Coach Andrist a full showcase of talents to utilize as they prepare to take on a challenging Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference schedule that has them facing defending conference champion University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and NCAA Division II runner up Winona State in only the third game of the season.

Depth was a key off-season issue and it was addressed with the arrival of several transfers who could step in and contribute right away. Miles Webb is a guard from Brooklyn Park, Minn., who has a long and

storied college career. He was a junior college All-American at North Dakota State College of Science and also played against Division I competition while playing for the University of Idaho Vandals, scoring 18 points in the two games he saw action.

Another expected starter will be Alex Mason, another Minnesota native, who will man the point guard spot. Mason began his college career at Mesabi Community College in Virginia, Minn. He is being praised by his head coach for his court vision, which will allow him to distribute the ball to open shooters.

To help replace the two towers in the middle that were John and Jacob Nonemacher, the Blue Devils looked to an old player, Jesse Piehl. The seven footer took a year off from UW-Stout to play for Gogebic Community College.

To help keep up a rebounding presence, transfer John Donald and returning players Marco Gotta and Eric Heisler will be around to clean up the boards.

Not to be forgotten is last year's leading scorer Jerrel Enerson-Matthews. He was a lone bright spot last year as he chipped in 15.4 points per game and also garnered

All-Conference Honorable Mention honors as a freshman. While he is only entering his sophomore season, Enerson-Matthews already has a considerable edge in experience as he was one of two players to start all 25 games last year.

The Blue Devils will also be receiving some local help as Durand, Wis. native Jerrod Buchholtz will be lacing up his sneakers this fall. Buchholtz has been under the recruiting looking glass of Andrist for several years now due to the convenience of his location. Andrist labels him as a "true shooter" and is looking forward to the contributions he can make to his team.

The season gets kicked off this upcoming weekend on Friday, Nov. 16 where the opening round of the UW-Stout Tip-Off Tournament will be played, followed by the conclusion of the opening round and championship rounds on Saturday, Nov. 17.

UW-Stout will play Finlandia University in the opening round in the season opener for both teams. The Blue Devils open up their conference schedule with a home game against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Women's Cross Country

UW-Stout's Abbey Ring placed within the top 25 percent at the NCAA Division III Midwest Regionals Saturday at Lake Breeze Golf Club in Winneconne Wis. With a time of 23:15.07, Ring placed 57th of 266 runners on the 6 kilometer course. UW-Stout's Bridgette Crozier finished in 84th, while UW-Stout's Rachel Richardson finished 90th.



Blue Devil Football

Record: 4-6

The UW-Stout football team ended their season this past weekend against UW-Eau Claire on Sat., Nov. 10. UW-Eau Claire scored a touchdown with one minute left on the clock, beating the Blue Devils 17-14 in the season finale at Carson Park. Even though the Blue Devils lost the game, they did get to see a glimpse of the team's future as Kyle Provos came in the game at quarterback. Replacing an injured Tanner Kattre, Provos ended the day 22 of 33 passing with 264 yards and two touchdowns, connecting with nine different receivers.



Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 7-0

The UW-Stout Hockey team continued their winning streak last weekend, beating Gustavus Adolphus 3-2. The Blue devils looked like they were about to get their first loss of the season, but with an impressive second period, the score was knotted come second intermission. UW-Stout's Derek Hanson scored the game-winning goal in the third period, to give UW-Stout a come-from-behind win in St. Peter, Minn.

Next game: (home) Thurs. Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m.



Men's Cross Country

Nate Carey and David Schonscheck both ran career-best times in the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional at Lake Breeze Golf Course Sat., Nov. 10. Carey placed 32nd overall and Schonscheck finished a mere two spots behind Carey, leading UW-Stout to a 14th place finish out of 35 teams. The Blue Devil's improved eight places from last year's 22nd place finish at the same event.

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Community**Thursday, November 15**

- Fall Tuition – final payment, paid in full due.
- Great American Smokeout – Go Cold Turkey. 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Badger Room, MSC
- Adobe Creative Suite 3 Design Premium Workshop. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Menomonie Senior Center
- Kayak Roll Clinic. Cost: \$20 students, \$30 community. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Friday, November 16

- Trip to Mall of America and the Science Museum of Minnesota sponsored by International Relations Club. Cost: \$7.50. Sign up at SOC desk in MSC by Nov. 16. Depart from Student Center at 9 a.m. and return by 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 20

- People Process Culture Speaker Event. Speaker: Brian Colianni, Executive Director for Ford Motor Company's Asia Pacific and Africa Region. 12:20 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Wednesday, November 21

- Thanksgiving Break Begins. No Classes.

Thursday, November 22

- Happy Thanksgiving!

Monday, November 26

- Classes Resume.

Tuesday, November 27

- Managing Your Web Presence and Visibility Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 430, Library

Wednesday, November 28

- Job Search Strategies Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 430, Library
- Nordic Ski Waxing. Cost: free if bring own wax, \$2 wax. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Thursday, November 29

- Resume Workshop. 10:10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Room 430, Library

Saturday, December 1

- Colleges Against Cancer's annual dodgeball tournament to raise testicular and prostate cancer awareness. Cost: \$36 for team, \$7 for additional players up to 8. Register by Friday, November 16 to get a free t-shirt. 1 p.m. Johnson Field House

Monday, December 3

- Sport Lead Climbing Class. Cost: free to members, \$5 for non-members. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Tuesday, November 4

- EDGE Program: University Advancement. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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Wednesday, December 5

- Open Pool Sessions for Boaters. Cost: \$5 student, \$10 community. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Entertainment**Thursday, November 15**

- One for the Team with Ela – music. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC
- Open Mic Nite. Raffle tickets: \$2 each or \$5 for three. 8 p.m. Acoustic Café, Menomonie

Friday, November 16

- Thanksgiving Charity LAN Party. 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. on November 17. Great Hall, MSC
- UW-Stout Dance Ensemble hosting very first recital: "Higher Ground." Cost: \$2 in advance, \$3 door Stout students/ Menomonie HS students, \$3 in advance, \$4 door children 6-11/ seniors, \$4 in advance, \$5 door general public, children 5 and under are free. Menomonie High School Auditorium
- Lightswitch – music. 7 p.m. Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, Menomonie
- Cowboy Crush – music. Cost: \$24 adults, \$20 seniors/students. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Saturday, November 17

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- Vicky Emerson and All Man Band – music. Cost: \$16 adults, \$14 seniors/ students. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Monday, November 19

- Make it out of Menomonie: Battle of the Bands. Band Deadline by 4 p.m.

Wednesday, November 28

- Casino Night. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Terrace, MSC

Thursday, November 29

- Open Mic Night. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Friday, November 30

- Transformers – movie. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

Sunday, December 2

- The Memories "Holiday Show" – music. Cost: \$16 adults, \$14 seniors/ students. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Athletics**Thursday, November 15**

- Hockey vs. UW-Superior. 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 16

- UW-Stout Men's Basketball Tip-off Tourney, Viterbo vs. Mayville. 5 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at Minnesota St.-Mankato Tournament vs. Mankato. 6 p.m.
- UW-Stout Men's Basketball Tip-off Tourney, Stout vs. Finlandia. 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 17

- UW-Stout Men's Basketball Tip-off Tourney, Third place game. 1 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at Minnesota St.-Mankato Tournament vs. St. Cloud State. 1 p.m.
- UW-Stout Men's Basketball Tip-off Tourney, Championship game. 3 p.m.
- Hockey at St. Scholastica. 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 20

- Women's Basketball at Northwestern College. 5:30 p.m.
- Hockey at St. Thomas. 7 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Winona State. 8 p.m.

Friday, November 23

- Women's Basketball Tournament vs. St. Scholastica. 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 24

- Women's Basketball Tournament, St. Scholastica vs. Bemidji State. 2 p.m.
- Men's Basketball Tournament, Bemidji State vs. Puget Sound. 4 p.m.
- Men's Basketball Tournament, Stout vs. Northland. 6:15 p.m.

Sunday, November 25

- Men's Basketball Tournament, Third place game. 11 a.m.
- Women's Basketball Tournament vs. Bemidji State. 1 p.m.
- Men's Basketball Tournament, Championship game. 3 p.m.

Wednesday, November 28

- Women's Basketball vs. Northland College. 7 p.m.

Friday, November 30

- Hockey vs. UW-Stevens Point. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 1

- Women's Basketball vs. UW-Eau Claire. 3 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. UW-Eau Claire. 5 p.m.
- Hockey at UW-Eau Claire. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 5

- Women's Basketball at UW-River Falls. 7 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. UW-River Falls. 7 p.m.

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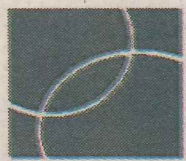
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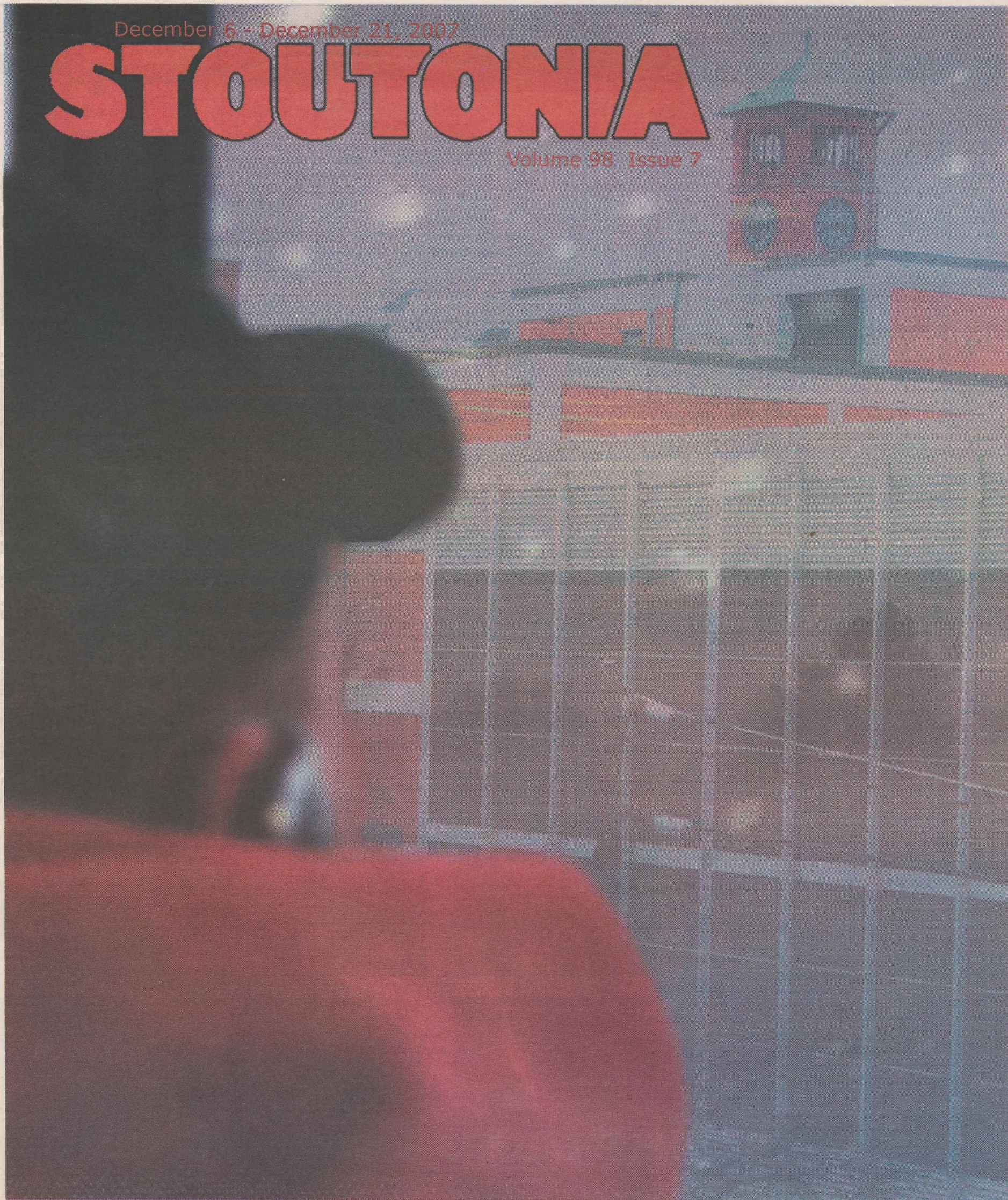
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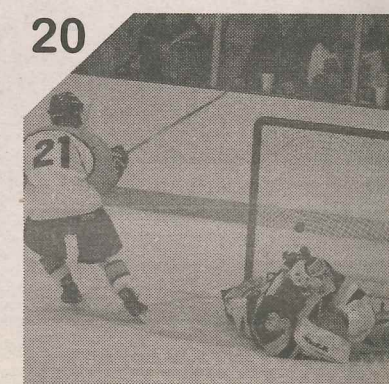
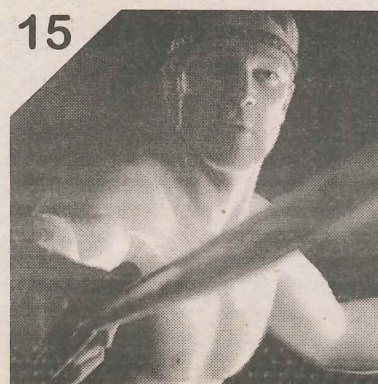
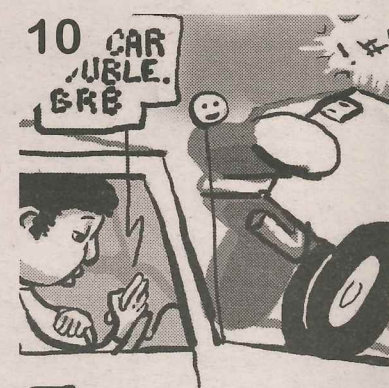
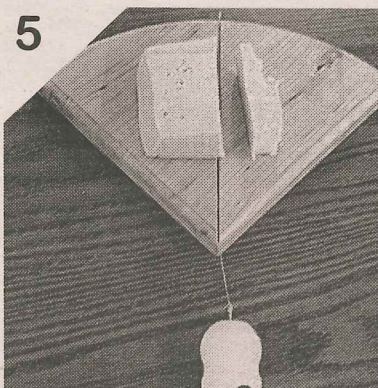
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Realignment model focused on polytechnic designation

Lauren Jacobson
Staff Writer

The colleges within the University of Wisconsin-Stout are scheduled to be reorganized on July 1, 2008.

To identify with the polytechnic designation, the realignment of the colleges is a logical step in maximizing the impact of clustering similar disciplines together.

Throughout the beginning stages of the realignment, representatives of various programs were able to request and receive appropriate placement in the different colleges. By reshaping where the different programs are placed, the means to get the largest impact possible can be focused.

As of now, there are two possible models for the new realignment. One will be chosen by the end of the fall semester. "Beginning in January 2008, we will begin the process of implementing the change so it can be finished by July," says Chancellor Charles Sorensen.

Tentatively, there will be four colleges within the university as well as a new

Center for Interdisciplinary Collaboration. According to Faculty Senate President, Dr. Jerry Kapus, "A goal of the center is to promote interdisciplinary classes and connections in curriculum."

The specific goals of the center are not outlined very clearly as of yet, but the main focus is to enhance the learning experience of students. Ideas for doing so include team teaching, joint appointments and other interdisciplinary activities.

The new College of Education, Health and Human Sciences will house the School of Education, including the Child and Family Study Center. Departments included in this college are the department of food and nutrition, department of psychology, department of human development and family studies, department of rehabilitation and counseling, department of physical education and also the Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute.

The new College of Arts and Letters will include the department of art and design, department of English and philosophy, department of social science, and the department of

speech, communication, foreign language, theater and music.

The new College of Management will house the department of hospitality and tourism, department of business, department of operations and management and the department of military science.

The new College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) will include the department of engineering and technology, department of biology, department of chemistry, department of physics, department of apparel and communication technologies, department of mathematics, statistics and computer science including the Stout Technology Transfer Institute.

Department chairs and program director allocations will remain the same after the realignment. The Center for Interdisciplinary Collaboration will play a coordinating role with departments like the Honors Program, First Year Experience, General Education and many others.

Associate Vice Chancellor Janice Coker ensures that the realignment will not impact

students and their majors at all. "The programs are still the same programs, and the departments are still the same," she said. "Just the configuration will be different."

In relation to the realignment, Chancellor Sorensen is hoping that within the next five years, eight to 10 new programs will be added. "The new majors should be focused around program expansion and the polytechnic designation," he said.

Cognitive science, biotechnology, gaming and design, two engineering majors and others are programs the chancellor wants to see added to UW-Stout's list of degrees.

The realignment will affect the university in many positive ways. "More efficient use of resources, better visibility of programs to external stakeholders and potential for great interdisciplinary collaboration," thinks Kapus of the change in the colleges.

"The realignment has potential to benefit student learning," said Kapus. Anyone with questions concerning the realignment is encouraged to contact the chancellor's office at 715-232-2441 or the Provost's Office at 715-232-2421.

Stout has new vehicle to "transport" information on campus

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

I had hoped that at the meeting with Blue Drive, I would get to try out a new taxi service at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. One that would maybe drive you from North Campus to your classes, to Wal-Mart, or maybe to Applebee's for lunch. I was surprised when everyone else at the meeting pulled out informational packets and sat down.

Blue Drive turns out to have nothing to do with cars, but it is another useful tool for UW-Stout students. "The old network storage was really difficult to share information, and this is where Blue Drive shines," stated Mike Dodor, the network manager. "With Blue Drive, students can access data from any place that they have Internet access, and share that information with anyone they wish, whether it be a teacher, another student, or their mother, even if that person doesn't have a UW-Stout account."

Blue Drive is a web-based tool for student storage, which can store, publish, organize and share files. "Blue Drive is a program from the Xythos company, which can also be referred to as a digital locker," said Dan Dunbar, the network specialist. "This is what the old network storage did, but much simpler and user friendly," adds Jane Henderson, the e-scholar program coordinator.

Dunbar believes that, "The best aspect to the Blue Drive is that you access your data from any place that you can get Internet access; at your home, at school, or on vacation." "Students get one gigabyte of storage with Blue Drive as opposed to only 200 mega-



bytes with the current storage," says Dodor. "There are 8,000 students at Stout, but only the 3,000 students on campus can use the current storage," said Henderson.

Korawan Muangmode is a graduate assistant helping design tutorials for Blue Drive. "The icons for Blue Drive are like those in the students' email accounts so they are familiar and less confusing." The tutorials are short, online video clips which can be accessed in the Blue Drive Website. "They show what Blue Drive is, what it looks like, how to access it, and basically how to use it; there is even a 'help' icon on every page," adds Muangmode.

Blue Drive was tested in four classes as pilot groups. "We tried to find four classes that would use the storage and sharing capabilities in different ways," explained Dunbar.

"We wanted to find glitches in the program before it is open to all Stout students, and how we could design it to be as easy for the students to use as possible," he added.

"Initially, we were looking for new storage, but after we got into it, we see that there are many more uses," said Doug Wahl, the Chief Information Officer (CIO). "We want students to make suggestions, because then they can be addressed...this is really about the students," adds Henderson.

"We are hoping that once the whole student body uses it, they will see where it goes; there are so many uses we don't even know yet," said Dodor. "A lot is going to depend on how the students use it."

To log into Blue Drive, the user would go to its website (bluedrive.uwstout.edu) and sign in with their user name and password. "A

"The three main aspects of Blue Drive are: increased storage space, access from anywhere, and the ability to control who sees your information,"

- Dan Dunbar

student can lock a document so they can read it only; or share it to someone and decide if they want to let that person edit it, or make it read only," noted Dunbar. From there, there are tutorials and help options on every page. "Actually, there's two help icons on every page," laughs Dunbar.

On December 26, 27 and 28 the current storage site will be down, and Blue Drive will be up by January 1st, 2008. "We will be emailing students about the dates, and will also include tutorials to help them learn how to use Blue Drive," assured Henderson.

"It'll be fun to see how the students use it," said Dodor.

Email any questions to bluedrive@uwstout.edu, or go to their office in 301 Millennium Hall.

From class to patent | UW-Stout students take their education to the next level

Erica Eblom
Staff Writer

One question all college students tend to ask themselves is what have they gained after their classes and tuition are all said and done. The hope is to leave this university with greater knowledge and skills to equip us to be successful contributors to society, and let's face it, to make money.

Pamela Anhalt and Karl Fels are not asking this question any longer, because their hard work and skills are beginning to reap the benefits we all desire to see when we leave college. These two University of Wisconsin-Stout graduates are seeing success with a product they invented for the Functional Clothing class through the apparel design and development program.

The Functional Clothing class is aimed at problem solving for the product industry. Students are instructed to design and create clothing that functions a particular need, discovering new processes to be fashionable and perform in a certain way. Their projects tend to be very open ended, focusing on defining a market and finding a need.

Gindy Neidermyer, program director for apparel design and development, comments, "Performance of product is where design is

going. It is important for my students to be experienced to that." Through the class students develop greater problem solving skills, which ultimately makes their design of fashion garments even better.

Anhalt was a student of Neidermyers Functional Clothing class in 2004. As Anhalt began to explore possible ideas for functional garments she realized she wanted to focus on outdoors wear. Anhalt commented, "I wanted to design a removable garment lining that my dad could use when he goes fishing. He always goes fishing early in the morning when it is cooler out and he usually ended up layer sweatpants over his shorts. So I wanted to design him something that was more functional."

Anhalt, along with the help of her fiancé Fels, created a one-of-its-kind removable pant lining, which can be removed at any time without undressing. Doing this makes temperature fluctuation more bearable when you're spending the day outdoors.

When Neidermyer was introduced to their garment she commented that she was "blown away at such a cutting edge design." Neidermyer, along with Anhalt and Fels, knew this was a design they wanted to pursue even farther. This is when Neidermyer got in contact with the WiSys Technology Foundation.

WiSys is a foundation designed to support the UW System, stating that their intent is to encourage and assist scientific research. Their activities include attracting innovative ideas, managing patents, and licensing technologies. By supporting basic research throughout the University of Wisconsin it benefits the University System, the inventor, the licensee, and society as a whole.

After numerous meetings and legal jargon Anhalt and Fels were able to take their design to the next level. WiSys was able to provide a patent for their product, and the apparel manufacturer JMI USA Ltd. out of Merrill, Wis. has exclusively licensed it.

Anhalt expresses, "I never expected my design to be patented or even licensed for a company to manufacture, market, and sell. We are both thrilled that our design concept and my execution have come this far!" JMI is working on developing the product for mass production and has the plans to produce the lining for hunting and construction uses.

Not only are the inventors getting recognition for their product, but so is UW-Stout. It is currently the first college in the UW System that has an invention exclusively licensed according to the UW System technology transfer organization WiSys. Anhalt remarks, "UW-Stout is unique in this way that they encourage

students to come up with their own inventions, and have them protected through WiSys."

Through a class project Anhalt and Fels were able to establish a beginning that one can be proud of. They made the most of their education and went beyond the class doors. "I personally learned you can achieve anything in life as long as you believe in what you are doing," Anhalt stated.

So as your sitting in class thinking you would rather be somewhere else, remember you can make something out of your education, and make money while you're at it. Anhalt and Fels are proof of this, and will be enjoying what their classes and tuition brings them in the near future.

Useless facts for your everyday life

On average, 63 people each year in the UK die due to inhalation of animal hair.

Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

More than 40,000 people each year die from Toilet Injuries. These could be from drowning in the toilet to tripping and knocking their head on the toilet.

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Brittany Bean
Staff Writer

Have you joined in the craze of environmental awareness that is spreading through college campuses nationwide? Well if you have, then here is your chance to help the University of Wisconsin-Stout gain an identity for its sustainability campaign.

The Environmental Sustainability Steering Committee, which is comprised of both UW-Stout students and staff, are sponsoring a contest to find an image and/or motto that will be displayed on T-shirts, posters, print and web publications, and other marketing materials made by the Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Raina Clark and the steering committee.

Clark believes the trend for more "green" campuses has seen a huge growth recently and doesn't show signs of slowing down. Although organizations already existed on the UW-Stout campus that worked with environmental issues, Clark found a need for a committee that could help unify all those groups.

"There was no one on campus who was organizing that stuff, and we were getting calls from students who were interested in seeing something done. That doesn't surprise me because the sustainability movement is basically student-driven at most schools," said Clark.

Clark expects this contest to be very successful because people on campus are interested and excited to make some "green" changes.

"I've heard so much from students of what they want to do," Clark said. "Even though there is no monetary prize, I think there is enough willingness and volunteers on campus for this particular effort that we will get entries—and good entries!"

Students and university staff are all invited to submit as many entries as they want. People can work in groups or individually and

can submit just an image, just a motto or both. While you're busy brainstorming, here are some quick rules to follow for the contest:

Your Incredibly Awesome Motto and/or Image Here

The image and motto must be relevant to the issues of energy conservation, emissions reduction, waste minimization and stormwater management.

The image and motto may incorporate the university's name, but not its logo, seal or athletic identifiers.

There are no color requirements for the image.

There is no minimum or maximum word count for the motto. The motto may not contain the names "Environmental Sustainability Steering Committee" or "Environmental Sustainability Coordinator/Office."

The winning entrant(s) must sign an agreement for nonexclusive rights. The creator(s) will be recognized on UW-Stout's environmental sustainability website at www.uwstout.edu/sustainability.

All mottos and images (reduced to less than 1MB) must be emailed to Raina Clark at clarkra@uwstout.edu by 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 25, 2008.

The main restriction in the contest is not being able to use the university's logo. The reason for this is that UW-Stout has a well-defined identity policy, so entries can't have a logo but can have a "service mark," as Clark calls it.

"UW-Stout has a consistent image throughout campus. So this service mark can't use a manipulation of the university's current logo," Clark said.

Despite that, Clark still wanted one image and one motto to bring together all the groups on campus working on sustainability projects.

Environmental sustainability is defined as a way of life that supports our earth's ecosystems and meets our needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs.

Clark hopes to unify the sustainability efforts on campus with this image and motto.

"We have a lot of different efforts going on," Clark said. "We want everyone to know what everyone else is working on so we don't repeat work and go off in different directions. This way, we'll build off each other."

The image and motto would be used throughout the campus and would probably also get into local papers. It might even make it onto a national website.

So if you're interested in not only greening up our campus but also in getting a little recognition for your creative or clever endeavors, then grab a pen, grab a friend and take a shot at becoming the face behind UW-Stout's identifying image and motto for its sustainability campaign.

Contact Raina Clark at clarkra@uwstout.edu or 715-232-1588 with questions.

Visit www.uwstout.edu/sustainability for more details.

To see examples of other campus sustainability images and mottos, visit these websites:

UW-Madison's "We Conserve" campaign:
<http://www.conserve.wisc.edu/signs.htm>

New College of California's "Green it Up!" campaign:
<http://www.newcollege.edu/greenitup/>

Illinois Wesleyan University's "Think Green" campaign:
<http://www.iwu.edu/~gtf/>

Boise State University's Green Team:
<http://www.boisestate.edu/greenteam/mission.html>

Brown University's "Brown is Green" campaign:
http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Brown_Is_Green/#

Charming cheese cutters help kids for Christmas

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

The students in Ned Weckmueller's industrial enterprise practicum class wanted to make a good gift for the holidays for their class project. They surpassed all that cookie stuff and went straight to the cheese.

"The class becomes an enterprise or company where we have to plan, produce, market and sell a product," says the new company's CEO Christie Saari, a junior in the business administration program. Another student, Chris Fahey, a junior in tech education, is the head of production of the company.

Fahey explains why the class chose cheese cutters instead of cookies: "We all like cheese, and we thought it would be a good

gift for the holidays to give a cheese cutter for all those cheese packages people receive."

The class was split into two groups and then each group brainstormed its own product.

"We chose cheese cutters over the other idea which was picture frames, mostly because they were easier to make," said Saari. "Then, people within the class are hired for each team, such as production or marketing, within the company," she added.

"The materials we used were mostly donated from a contact in the class, and Mr. Weckmueller even donated some finishing stain and wood to make the little mice on the cutter handles," noted Fahey. Still, each of the twelve students in the class paid \$25 to help start the business.

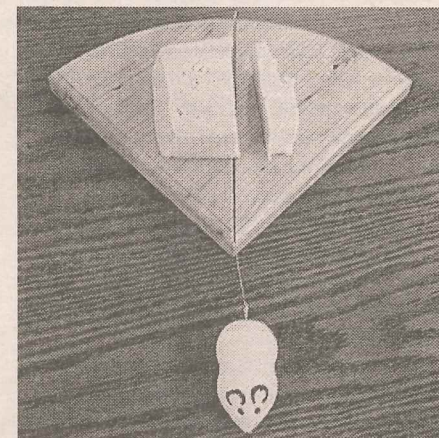
The best part of the project is that all the proceeds are given to charity.

"We wanted to be able to give something to someone else, especially since it's the holidays," said Saari. They chose to give to Toys for Tots in Eau Claire.

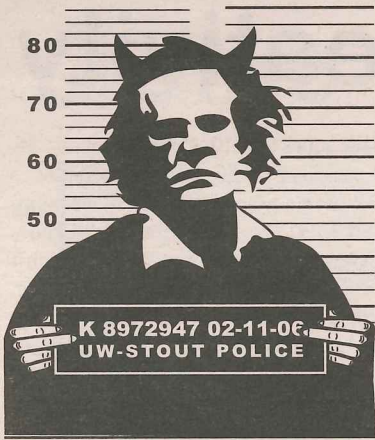
"Even if people weren't interested in cheese cutters, they can donate to Toys for Tots at our booth, and we will be sure it gets there," adds Saari.

The company is doing pretty well, claims Saari. "So far, we have sold about 30 cutters. Our goal is to sell at least 100 cutters, since this is the goal set by the class project. A lot of people are giving them as gifts, or selling them to their parents."

The cheese cutters are being sold Mondays and Wednesdays in the Memorial Student Center from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. through Dec. 10.



Submitted Photo
Students in the Industrial Enterprise practicum created cheese cutters to benefit Toys for Tots in Eau Claire this Christmas season.



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Tales of stupidity
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Nov. 12 through Dec. 3

- UAD – 1st offense – 23
- UAD – 2nd offense – 1
- Misuse of Parking Services – 1
- Possession of Marijuana – 2
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 3

Police Officer Dispatched To Wrong Location, All Ends Up Ok Anyways

Saturday Nov. 17, 12:24 a.m.

After receiving a radio transmission about an alarm sounding in CKTO, a University of Wisconsin-Stout officer. Upon arrival, the officer searched the second floor for the alarm but did not find anything.

Around 12:34 a.m., the officer was then informed by police headquarters that there was an error and the alarm was actually in JTC, not CKTO. By the time the officer made it to the scene, the Menomonie Fire Department had already reported.

A pull alarm had been activated but quickly reset and students were allowed to re-enter the building. The RA on duty pulled the fire alarm for precautionary measures and policy after hearing the initial alarm going off. The door alarms were reset and the officer cleared the location at 1:19 a.m.

Some People Would Just Prefer To Not Wear Pants

Sunday Nov. 18, 1:41 a.m.

A UW-Stout officer responded to a call from a Menomonie Police Department officer for assistance with a male who had no pants on. Shortly after the call was made, the pantless male began to run from the Library Learning Center towards the Heating Plant on campus.

After an unproductive search of the area, the two police officers returned to the original scene to find the male's pants and wallet. From information in the wallet, the UW-Stout officer was able to contact the male on his cell phone.

The UW-Stout officer heard slurred speech during their conversation and was told by the seemingly drunk, pantless male that he was in Janesville, Wis. The officer then explained to him that his property would be at the Menomonie Police Department if he wished to pick it up.

Stalker Phone Calls are CREEEEEEEPY!

Monday Nov. 12, 11:20 a.m.

A resident of McCalmont Hall reported an unknown male who called her dorm room phone and said he went to high school with her. The resident did not recognize this person. A total of four phone calls were made to the complainant from the male subject.

The male subject called only her dorm room phone and would talk about having sex with the complainant. A Stout officer suggested that she unplug her phone.

The complainant was later advised to tell the male subject, if he were to call again, that she had notified police. The police told the complainant that if the calls were to continue, a trace would be put on her phone line.

Burglar Steals Video Game, Then Decides He Doesn't Want It

Tuesday Nov. 20, 1:40 p.m.

A resident of South Hall filed a burglary report stating that an Xbox video game and case was stolen out of his room at approximately 2:20 a.m. that same day.

The complainant's roommate said that he heard someone in the room but thought it was the complainant. After noticing the door was half open, the roommate got out of bed and checked the hallway. He observed a male subject three doors down with his hand on the doorknob.

The male subject walked away after being noticed. He is described as a white male, college age, and was wearing a black hat and a black T-shirt.

The game was later found in another South Hall dorm room where \$25 was reported stolen by a different person.

Drunk People Are Always Annoying... This One Is Not Different

Saturday Dec. 1, 3:05 a.m.

Two inebriated males were reported by CKTO security wandering hallways, knocking on doors and generally causing a disturbance. Two UW-Stout police officers were already on the scene dealing with another incapacitated inebriate.

The two suspects were located in the basement of Krantzsuch Hall. After determining no damage or injury had occurred, the RAs and security of CKTO requested that they be

In memory of Corey Lyn Creger



Contributed Photo

Danielle Olson Staff Writer

Corey Lyn Creger was a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, majoring in art-multimedia design. Corey died in a small plane accident Sunday, Nov. 15, 2007, along with three others.

The cause of the crash is currently unknown, but high winds may have played a part, said the Faribault Chief of Police.

Her roommate, Lauren Seering, also a freshman and an art education major, recalls one of her favorite memories of Corey:

"I remember on Corey's 19th birthday, a bunch of my friends broke the dorm rules and put a candle in a zebra cake, only to obnoxiously sing happy birthday at the top of our lungs at midnight, or something akin to that."

"Corey loved the band 'The White Stripes', anything with hounds tooth print, coffee, and her favorite show The Office. She would sit down every Thursday for the show," added Seering.

A visitation was held this Friday, November 30, 2007 from 4 to 8 p.m. in her hometown of Faribault, Minn. and was followed by a funeral Saturday Dec. 1, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. The bell in Bowman Hall sounded at 11:45 last Friday morning in her memory.

UW- Stout Mississippi Relief Tour 2008

Who: 20 UW-Stout students

What: Winter break relief trip to Mississippi

When: Sat. Jan. 12-Sat. Jan. 19, 2008

Where: Kiln, Mississippi, New Orleans, and St. Louis

Why: We will be doing yard clean-up, painting, dry-walling, and maybe even demolition!

Those interested should pick up a registration packet at the SOC Desk. Additional questions should be directed towards Erin Wood at woode@uwstout.edu or Mary McManus at mcmanusm@uwstout.edu

You must show a completed registration packet to the Service Center before your ticket will be given to you.



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- 4.) "Per Person" prices based on group lease with one person per bedroom.
- 5.) All prices are for 12 month leases-10 month leases are available for a higher price.

TO TOUR A PROPERTY

DRIVE BY THE PROPERTIES AND SELECT 2 OR 3 THAT YOUR GROUP WANTS TO TOUR.
DECIDE ON TIME THAT YOUR ENTIRE GROUP CAN ATTEND A TOUR.
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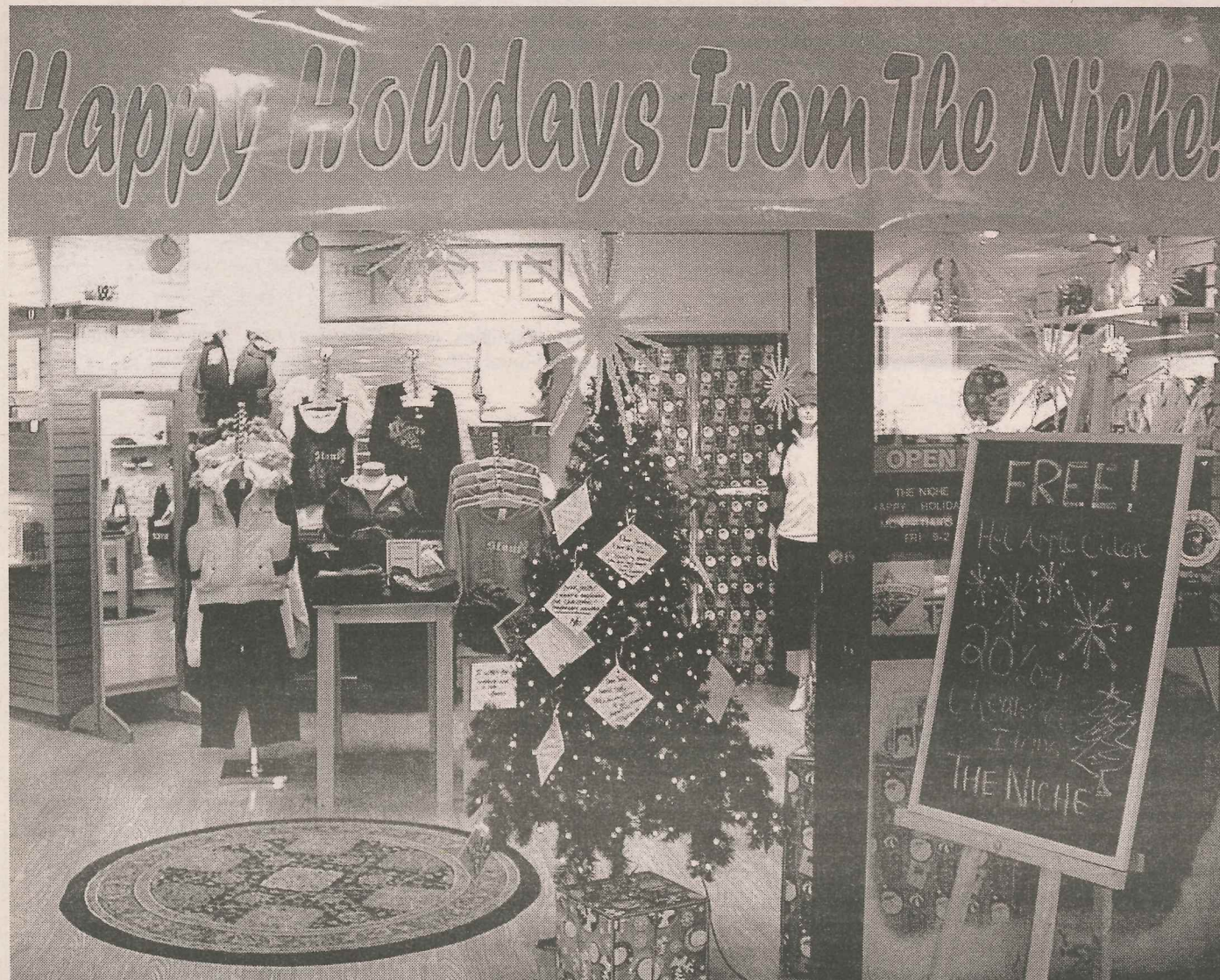
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Type Code: SR=sleeping room; S/EA=studio or efficiency apartment a A=apartment (usually downtown); H=house; D=duplex; a number shows how many units in building larger than a duplex; WSG+HW inc.=water/sewer/garbage and hot water in base rent price; w/d=washer/dryer; E/U = Each Unit; P/P = Per Person

BRBA	Address	E/U	P/P	E/U	P/P	Description	TYPE	BRBA	Address	E/U	P/P	E/U	P/P	Description	TYPE
1 n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #8	\$180	\$180	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	3 1	220 12th Avenue West	\$550	\$183	\$750	\$250	Large duplex, W/D, excellent location, off-street parking	D
1 1	620 9th Avenue	\$240	\$240	n/a	n/a	Nice sized efficiency, close to campus, includes utilities	3	3 1	2215 5th Street	\$595	\$198	n/a	n/a	Nice upper duplex, good sized rooms, W/D hook-ups, parking	D
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #7	\$255	\$255	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A	3 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$660	\$220	\$880	\$293	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	\$290	\$290	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG & HW, storage, close to campus, great view	6	3 1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$695	\$232	n/a	n/a	Nice, 2-story apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
1 1	702 4th Street	\$295	\$295	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	6	3 1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$850	\$283	n/a	n/a	Nice rooms & closets, utilities included, laundry in building	A
1 1	802 6th Avenue #1	\$315	\$315	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	4 1	1115 14th Avenue	\$600	\$150	\$780	\$195	Large rooms, washer/dryer, screened-in porch, garage	H
1 1	802 6th Avenue #2	\$315	\$315	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	4 1	915 Main Street	\$600	\$150	\$800	\$200	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
1 1	115 1/2 West Main Street	\$320	\$320	\$395	\$395	Nice, large apartment, close to campus and downtown	3	4 1	1120 15th Avenue	\$620	\$155	\$770	\$193	Good sized rooms, washer/dryer, off-street parking	D
1 1	802 6th Avenue #3	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	Nice sized efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	4 1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	\$820	\$205	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A	4 1	309 14th Avenue West	\$700	\$175	\$900	\$225	Washer/dryer, extra room for storage, parking, good location	H
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8	4 1	921 Main Street #1	\$740	\$185	\$910	\$228	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$345	\$345	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8	4 2	516 19th Avenue W	\$750	\$188	\$1,000	\$250	Large, split-level, 2 living rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$350	\$350	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6	4 1	1215 10th Street	\$780	\$195	\$900	\$225	3-season porch, built-ins, W/D, storage, garage, large yard	H
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6	4 1	1216 6th Street	\$820	\$205	\$1,000	\$250	Good sized rooms, front porch, parking, across from campus	H
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #2	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #3	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #8	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities & parking, private entrance	8	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #5	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	n/a	n/a	Large, upper duplex with den & parking, great location	D	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	1221 7th Street	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Very large & nice, hardwood floors, incl. WSG, heat, parking	4	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #7	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	1520 7th Street	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Efficiency apartment, includes WSG & heat, great location	A	4 2	1319 8th Street	\$825	\$206	\$1,025	\$256	Nice, good sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8	4 1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice sized rooms, washer/dryer	H
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A	4 2	1620 6th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	Great house, nice sized rooms, washer/dryer, garage	H
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes WSG & parking, very close to campus	A	4 2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,195	\$299	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes parking, WSG & heat	A	4 1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	Large apt, good sized rooms, W/D, parking, great location	D
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$415	\$415	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8	4 1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$900	\$225	\$1,125	\$281	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #6	\$435	\$435	n/a	n/a	Nice, large apt w/ parking, WSG & heat incl., close to campus	A	4 1	2235 South Broadway	\$920	\$230	\$1,120	\$280	Great house, good sized rooms, W/D, basement, parking	H
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$495	\$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8	4 2	400 18th Avenue	\$1,000	\$250	\$1,200	\$300	Cute house, nice deck, big corner lot, washer/dryer, garages	H
2 1	1506 1/2 6th Street	\$330	\$165	\$430	\$215	Great location, enclosed front porch & built-in storage	D	5 1.5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, lots of parking	H
2 1	119 West Main Street #2	\$360	\$180	\$430	\$215	Close to campus and downtown, basement storage	3	5 2	1521 8th Street	\$900	\$180	\$1,145	\$229	Nice sized rooms, new paint, W/D, big yard, good location	H
2 1	113 West Main Street	\$360	\$180	\$460	\$230	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3	5 2	2006 5th Street #A	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	Nice, large house, good sized rooms, W/D off-street parking	3
2 1	921 Main Street #2	\$360	\$180	\$500	\$250	Good location, parking, nice sized rooms, porch	4	5 2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,375	\$275	Large house, some extras, W/D, parking, excellent location	D
2 1	115 West Main Street	\$370	\$185	\$490	\$245	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3	5 2	1708 6th Street #A	\$1,325	\$265	\$1,525	\$305	Fabulous apartment, W/D, big rooms, parking, has everything!	D
2 1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$375	\$188	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, gas heat, off-street parking	D	6 2	1402 8th Street	\$600	\$100	\$800	\$133	Corner lot, washer/dryer, off-street parking, full basement	H
2 1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	\$495	\$248	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice sized rooms, parking	D	6 2	1603 7th Street	\$1,000	\$167	n/a	n/a	Great house, gas fireplace, washer/dryer, corner lot	H
2 1	1415 4th Street West	\$410	\$205	\$620	\$310	Ground level apartment w/ garage, good location	D	6 2	415 13th Avenue West	\$1,050	\$175	\$1,300	\$217	Modern house, large bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
2 1	620 15th Avenue	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Upper duplex, very nice, large rooms & closets, parking	D	6 2	321 20th Avenue #C	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,445	\$241	Very nice, new apt, large bedrooms, W/D parking, storage	4
2 1	1506 6th Street	\$420	\$210	\$590	\$295	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	D	6 2	115 17th Avenue West	\$1,200	\$200	\$1,450	\$242	Nice house, great location, W/D, front porch & garage	D
2 1	2121 5th Street #A	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4	7 2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,225	\$175	\$1,485	\$212	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
2 1	2121 5th Street #B	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4								
2 1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4								
2 1	421 13th Avenue West	\$425	\$213	\$545	\$273	Nice apartment w/ hardwood floors, parking, lawn care incl.	D								
2 1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$430	\$215	\$540	\$270	Large apt, hardwood floors, parking, lawn care included	D								
2 1	619 1/2 13th Avenue	\$460	\$230	n/a	n/a	Nice sized rooms, great location, WSG, heat & HW included	4								
2 1	620 1/2 9th Avenue	\$500	\$250	\$660	\$330	Large, nice rooms, very close to campus, great apartment	3								
2 1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6								
2 1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW, incl.	6								
2 1	421 Wilson Avenue #5	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Nice, good sized apt w/ parking, WSG, HW & heat included	6								

WE ARE YOUR OFF CAMPUS HOUSING HEADQUARTERS

Oh the weather outside is frightful,



Bob Lindberg
Staff Writer

With winter approaching sooner than we would like, The Niche is gearing up for their winter sale.

The Niche is a small and cozy store on campus that combines the feel of a boutique with the amenities of a convenience store. The 900-square-foot store is located in the Home Economics building on the second floor on the University of Wisconsin-Stout's campus. The Niche is having record breaking sales this year due to students who chose The Niche as their internship/ co-op.

The Niche is a competing store on the UW-Stout campus. It offers the lowest price on soda and boasts having gourmet coffee that is the best on campus. Other products offered in the small wonderland are select women's clothing, handmade student jewelry and other small knick-knacks. The typical student who shops at the Niche is females whose majors are centered in the Home Ec. building.

The Niche has been part of the UW-Stout campus now for a little more than 25 years. "It originally started as a consignment store for local people to showcase and sell their apparel, jewelry, or any other personal creations here" explained Adel Mekraz. Mekraz is the overseer and teacher of the Niche and the assistant professor of retail.

The always smiling Mekraz has been mentoring The Niche for about a year and half now. "The first thing I did was to renovate the store" said Mekraz. He replaced the old, somewhat unsightly floor, with a new laminate wood floor. "This made the store more unified," explained Mekraz.

Mekraz also contracted the construction students to help him build an updated sign and movable tables. The tables were custom designed exclusively for The Niche.

The Niche typically does about

The Niche is an on campus store that carries unique clothing and accessories, as well as boasting some of the cheapest convenience items on campus.

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At a glance:

The store has been open for more than 25 years and started as a consignment store for local craftsmen to sell their products.

Currently the Niche concept combines the atmosphere of a boutique or gift store with that of a convenience store.

The Niche sells apparel, accessories, home and gift products, stationary and cards, some electronics and snacks and beverages.

The Niche typically does about \$20,000-\$30,000 a year in business.

Students in the RMM program work at the Niche for college credit and it is counted as an internship or a co-op.

The typical Niche customer is a female student who takes classes or works in the Home Ec. Building.

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but The Niche is so delightful

\$20,000-\$30,000 worth of business in a year, but this year business has increased an astounding 23 percent. The normal sales goal for The Niche is 4 percent above previous year's sales. This year, with clever marketing and purchasing, this goal has been reached and then some.

Their top-selling items this year have been accessories and jewelry in the number one spot, apparel in second and food and beverage in third.

"The typical Niche customer is a female student who takes classes or works in the Home Ec. Building," said Lindsay Henningfeld. Henningfeld is a graduating senior who has taken The Niche as an internship this semester. "I love working at the Niche. I have made so many new and good friends. I know this would have never been possible without The Niche," said Henningfeld enthusiastically.

With the semester coming to a close, Henningfeld has almost completed her internship.

"I hope we raised the bar," explained Henningfeld when talking about the sales numbers. She feels proud to be a part of The Niche and is very happy with the small part that she has played in making The Niche a specialty store.

"In addition to a great selection of fashion, The Niche offers a number of services to enhance the shopping experience."

The Niche is a store run completely by students. Every piece of merchandise, jewelry, even the individual greeting cards were

all picked out by the students who run the store. An internship/co-op is required by the university for the business programs. If students are unable to find an internship outside of the university, they are more than welcome at The Niche.

The students do everything from designing the store, to purchasing everything one sees upon entering The Niche. Lindsay Henningfeld is one of the students completing her internship here. She is in her graduating semester as a retail merchandising major here at UW-Stout and loves the opportunity that she has been able to be a part of.

Adel Mekraz offers anyone a chance to showcase their products at The Niche. This year, Kevin Churchill offers products to students of his own design. "The students can sell their own products here and when they sell, we give them the money and if they do not we can simply return the product to them," said Mekraz.



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Leigh-Anna Fournelle squeezes in some Christmas shopping between classes at the Niche with the help of Lindsay Henningfeld. Both girls are involved in the retail merchandising and management program, which allows students to work at the Niche as part of their internship experience.



Bob Lindberg/Stoutonia

The staff at the Niche consists of students in the retail merchandising and management program and Adel Mekraz, who is their advisor. From left to right: Lindsay Henningfeld, Adel Mekraz and Melissa Eilertson.

Why shop at The Niche?

- The Niche aims to offer unique boutique style items that you just can't find at the local mall.
- Weekly sales promotions are offered to different majors and organizations; watch your daily e-mail or stop in for details.
- Offers UW-Stout apparel with more style than the school store.
- Made-to-order Churchill products by UW-Stout student Kevin Churchill; iPod and cell phone holders, bags, and laptop cases.
- Unique jewelry by UW-Stout student Kathryn Quist
- Fresh gourmet coffee comparable to Caribou at student prices, also has a coffee club with punchcard.
- Lowest soda price on campus! 95 cents + tax, also low food prices.

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found guilty of a Class G felony, which is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$25,000 or imprisonment not to exceed ten years, or both. If the police can't confiscate your phone and look in your sent message folder then how in heck is he going to know you were text messaging? Well, apparently they expect you to admit you were text messaging so you can get that nice hefty fine. Yeah that's going to happen.

Maybe I am just mad since I text message, or maybe it's because the law seems ridiculous in the fact how do you prove someone was text messaging? If people are going to introduce these laws, maybe they should think them through a bit better.

letters to the



The recent article, "The Disappearing Separation of Church and State," exposed what I view as a deep problem in our society. We, as Americans, feel that our ideals and morality should be catered to, and we are quick to be offended by anything that challenges our world view.

I should have been offended by what Chris Zeck wrote. I hold to the tenants of Christianity, and I believe in God. However that being said, I was not offended by his article. Instead, I agreed with him and was glad to hear it.

Mr. Zeck said, "We have all become caught up in ourselves, we have forgotten about our neighbors. We have to put ourselves last sometimes. . .

What seems deeply ironic to me is that the point Mr. Zeck is making here is the most fundamental tenant of Christianity, though it is often ignored. The Bible explicitly commands Christians to love their neighbors as themselves, and the concept of putting others ahead of one's self is taught throughout the Bible.

As for me, I have observed our society and I look to the Bible for hope. I agree that everything I see around me is wretched. To me, the Bible is a tool that shows me how to live my life well when our culture has lost sight of

what makes life worth living, namely relationships. I admit that self control, humility, contentment, compassion, and love leave a person strangely alone in our great society, but what can I do? Change?

Darren Neff

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City of Menomonie PUBLIC NOTICE SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS AND WALKWAYS

City Ordinances require removal of snow and ice from all sidewalks and walkways in the city of Menomonie to the full width of the sidewalk or walkway no later than 12:00 noon on the day following the end of the snowfall.

Property owners/tenants not complying are subject to a citation of no more than \$100 for the first offense plus the cost of prosecution. If city forces are directed to remove the snow and ice, these expenses will be in addition to the citation charge. Unpaid charges will become a lien against the property and collected on the tax roll.

Tenants should check their lease agreements to determine if they are responsible for the snow and ice removal. If you are leaving town please make arrangements for the maintenance. The cooperation by all city residents will help ensure convenient and safe pedestrian travel during the winter months.

Information is also available on the city website.
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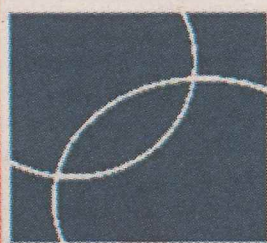
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327 3rd Street West			
1302 11th Street East			
309 12th Ave. W.	8 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Large House, Close to Campus, W/D, 2 Car Garage, Off-St. Parking, Large Deck	\$265/bdrm.	\$2120
305 22nd Ave. E.	6 Bdrm, 2 Bath, W/D, Central A/C, D/W, New Construction, Large Bedrooms!!!	\$275/bdrm.	\$1650
321-B 3rd St. W.	6 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Never Been Lived In, New Const. Very Nice, W/D, D/W, North Campus	\$275/bdrm.	\$1650
321-A 3rd St. W.	6 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Large Bedrooms, W/D, Newly Updated, Lots of living space!	\$265/bdrm.	\$1590
2204 11th Ave.	6 Bdrm, 2 Bath, New Construction, W/D, 1700 Sq. Ft., Vaulted Ceilings, Gas Fireplace, D/W	\$265/bdrm.	\$1590
1014 16th Ave E.	6 Bdrm, 4 Bath, W/D, House, Very Private, 2 Living Rooms, Close to Lammers!!	\$245/bdrm.	\$1470
1716 5th St. E.	5 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Next to Tennis Courts, Newer Duplex, W/D, D/W, 2 Living Rooms!!!	\$300/bdrm.	\$1500
1820 8th St. E.	5 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 4-Plex of Newer Units, W/D, D/W, Energy Efficient, 2 Living Rooms!!!	\$275/bdrm.	\$1375
1703-A 6th St. E.	5 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Duplex, Large Living Room, Remodeled kitchen, Laundry in basement	\$255/bdrm.	\$1275
2205 11th Ave. E.	4 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 4-Plex, W/D, 1700 Sq. Ft., Vaulted Ceiling, Gas Fireplace, D/W, Double Garage	\$290/bdrm.	\$1160
305 22nd Ave. E.	4 Bdrm, 2 Bath, 4-Plex, Large Bedrooms, W/D, D/W, Newer Construction, Very Nice Apartment	\$275/bdrm.	\$1100
205-A 17th Ave. W.	4 Bdrm, 1 Bath, 4-Plex, Large Basement, W/D, 1 Block behind Broadway, Off-St. Parking	\$270/bdrm.	\$1080
327 3rd St. W.	4 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Duplex, 2 levels, W/D, 2 Living Rooms, About 10 years old, North Campus	\$270/bdrm.	\$1080
1302 11th St. E.	4 Bdrm, 1 Bath, Nice House with Huge Living Room, Hardwood floors, W/D, Front Porch	\$265/bdrm.	\$1060
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317 13th Ave. W.	4 Bdrm, 1 Bath, Large Kitchen, 2 levels, Close to Campus, New Siding & Windows, Energy effie.	\$200/bdrm.	\$800
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N7595 510th St.	3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Newer construction, Great yard, Country living, W/D hookups, D/W	\$330/bdrm.	\$990
1509 6th St. E.	3 Bdrm, 1 Bath, Front Porch, W/D, Great Locahon, Large Living Room, Off-St. Parking	\$250/bdrm.	\$750
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Dec 18th, '07:

- Once (R)
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Good coffee without going down under

Andy Hahn

Staff Writer

The temperature is dropping and homework is piling up. Students need a quiet place to study and a cup of coffee to wake up. Located across from the Price Commons on Broadway Avenue, the Outback Coffee Shack can provide students with both.

Opening in February 2007, the Outback Coffee Shack is connected to the Outback Wash Shack, both of which are owned by Wayne and Maggie Moser of Menomonie, Wisconsin.

"She's the boss, I just do what she tells me," said Wayne in reference to Maggie.

There are plenty of choices for that coffee fix at the Outback Coffee Shack. Outback Coffee Shack employee Aaron Schanter, a junior in information technology management, likes coffee a lot, and prefers the Americano blend sold at the Outback Coffee Shack, "but most popular right now is the raspberry mocha," he said.

"We created the mocha recipe all by our own," said Maggie, "It's the espresso shot that really makes the mocha."

The Mosers know they face competition from franchises such as Caribou Coffee, and have taken steps to set their coffee apart.

"We are not associated with a franchise, so can price our drinks about 25 percent cheaper," said Wayne.

For drinks that have chocolate in them, such as mochas, the Mosers use Ghirardelli Chocolate.

"None of our drinks are pre-mixed, and we can customize any drink to the customer's tastes," said Wayne.

For those who are not coffee drinkers, the Outback Coffee Shack offers chai teas, Numi teas, smoothies, cremosas, and blended iced green teas. Goods from Kate's Custom Bakery of Glenwood City, Wis. are also sold



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

here. The Outback Coffee Shop provides an arrangement of scones, cookies, cinnamon rolls, and special breads to have along with any choice of beverage.

The name of the Outback Coffee Shack is no accident, and while none of the drinks are Australian, there is another reason why the coffee shack was named after the land down under.

"I was born in Australia," said Mr. Moser. "My dad was in the Navy during World War II and his ship was chased to Australia

by a Japanese ship. While in Australia he met my mother and married her once the war was over."

Free Wireless Internet is available for those times students need a quiet place to study off campus. The University of Wisconsin-Stout students receive a 10 percent discount on any item purchased at the coffee shop when they show their student ID. The Outback Wash Shack is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends.

Local bands win contest, play for students, pray for fame

Nathaniel Fellows

Staff Writer

Local bands had the chance to gain a little popularity in Menomonie, Wis.' own version of battle of the bands. The Blue Devil Productions crew hosted the first annual Make It Out of Menomonie contest in which four bands from the area participated.

The contest was a virtual battle of the bands event on the Blue Devil Productions' Web site. The bands that participated in the event were Quinn Elizabeth, Avery, From Whence You Came and When Thoughts Reside. According to BDP, the four bands made the competition a hit.

"For our first time holding the Make It Out of Menomonie contest, I

think it was a success," said Justin Hodges, Blue Devil Productions' music director. "We will be definitely having it again sometime in the future."

In order to participate in the event, the bands had to have at least one University of Wisconsin-Stout student within the group. Contestants submitted a music video that had to contain original music, which students viewed on the BDP Web site and voted for their favorite.

According to BDP, the voting event was very popular.

"Over 300 people viewed the bands' videos on the Blue Devil Productions Web site and voted on their favorite," said Hodges.

The winner of the event, When Thoughts Reside, won \$200, rockstar treatment and a chance to perform at The Underground on

Thursday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m.

The band is made up of five boys who found their beginnings in the basement of a UW-Stout dormitory in 2005. After some switching of band members and experimentation with sound and style, the five released their first album, "Eldorado." Preview songs from the EP on the band's Myspace, www.myspace.com/whenthoughtsreside.

The duo From Whence You Came is the runner-up band for the contest, who won \$75 and the opener spot for The Underground event. They describe their sound as alternative, electronic and pop. Preview their music at www.myspace.com/Fromwhence.

For more information about the event log onto <http://bdp.uwstout.edu>.

End the semester on top

Nathaniel Fellows
Staff Writer

Finally, the semester is almost done and soon students can chill out over the winter break. The only problem is getting through the next two weeks.

Many have already experienced the chaos of ending classes, though some have not. Either way, students could use some helpful advice to make the final weeks of the semester a success.

There will be papers, projects and final exams to complete before the semester comes to a screeching halt. These tasks make college about as much fun as having your friend kick you in the throat.

One thing to remember is that it is easier to get forgiveness than it is to get permission. Take a chance and see what happens. You can always play dumb if things don't work out.

Another thing to keep in mind is you don't need to get A's on everything. There is an old saying that works out well, "C's get degrees." You're in college and you need to remember that class time should not interfere with your time.

Here are some tips for courses and majors to help you complete the semester at the University of Wisconsin-Stout:

Biology—A man with a vagina is a woman.

Math—5/4 of people are bad at fractions.

Physics—How do you feel about the sphincter as a whole?

Art—Who doesn't love special brownies?

Hospitality and Tourism—Remember: Menomonie, Wis. is a great place to be from.

Interior Design—No wonder the unemployment office is so nicely decorated.

Packaging—Try to think outside of the box.

Construction Management—Ty Pennington is everyone's hero.

Technical Communication—Even when your wrong, your still write (misspelled on purpose).

Business—Somebody has to work weekends.

Spanish—Everyone needs to know how to say, "Yes, I need a new roof," in Spanish, in Menomonie, Wis.

Psychology—Medicate first, analyze later.

Graphic Design—Way to sell out of studio art.

Home Economics—Bald Eagle tastes better when it's cooked in a crock pot.

Apparel—Could you please un-invent Crocs, fanny packs and whatever else Pee-wee Herman wears?

English—Get over it. Romeo and Juliet were probably related anyway.

Remember to breathe and play dumb

Vocational Rehabilitation—Try to not push so many people around.

Golf Enterprise Management—Mulligans do not apply to the real world.

Marketing—"My bologna has a first name, it's: O-S-C-A-R." That is very clever slogan.

Retail—Remember to smile when you say, "Welcome to Wal-Mart."

The semester is going to end whether or not you're prepared. All you have to remember is play dumb, put your name on your assignments and don't set your goals too high. The higher you set your goals the further you will fall when you don't reach them.

Don't be afraid to fail; even Rick James hit rock bottom. Sure he died of a drug overdose, but he still made millions nonetheless.

In the Stoutonia spotlight Above average student likes trees

Nathaniel Fellows Staff Writer
AJ Forst Chief Copy Editor

Sararose Lukomski, a 21-year-old senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stout sat alone in the Acoustic Café, just waiting for someone to interview her, it was obvious. She was done eating, supposedly doing homework, but mostly she was taking a lot of time putting her things away, awaiting Nathaniel V. Fellows' approach. She was star struck when he asked her if she would like to be interviewed for the award-winning paper, the Stoutonia. She pretended to be modest and delay her response to the affirmative, but in her mind she was screaming "yes."

Sararose Lukomski obviously has an interesting name. It rolls off of the tongue like a Chinese tongue twister that was translated into English by a Spanish-speaker who was raised by a mute.

She is of Polish decent. Apparently Polish people like putting two names together to form one. It was her parents' way of using every single family name for one child. She is from Brookfield, Wis., a suburb of Milwaukee. Brookfield is known for its legendary mall.

She is a hospitality and tourism major because she wants to do event planning for conventions, though she doesn't handle stress well. She plans on not being a millionaire at this dream job which would be in Chicago because amazingly, she can tolerate people from Illinois and fly kites.

Sararose is Catholic though she doesn't go to church while here in Menomonie, Wis., perhaps because she drank too many whisky and Cokes, her favorite drink, the night before. If church handed out aspirin and water instead of crackers and wine, perhaps she'd go.

She was not cool in high school, but when asked if she has a friend in Jesus, she replied, "Sure." She likes fall weather, but not winter weather. "When it's nice out, I play outside," she claims. Sararose is an admitted slacker because she is going to graduate no sooner than four and a half years. She has an apartment on Wilson

Avenue and a roommate.

When it comes to school, Sararose is above average. Her GPA is above a 2.0 and below a 7.0. She has never failed a class and claims she is kind of a nerd, though she has at least 200 friends on Facebook. Though she doesn't look it, she is kind of a hippie since she prefers hemp and wood over platinum or gold. If she had to choose between platinum or gold fronts, she'd choose platinum.

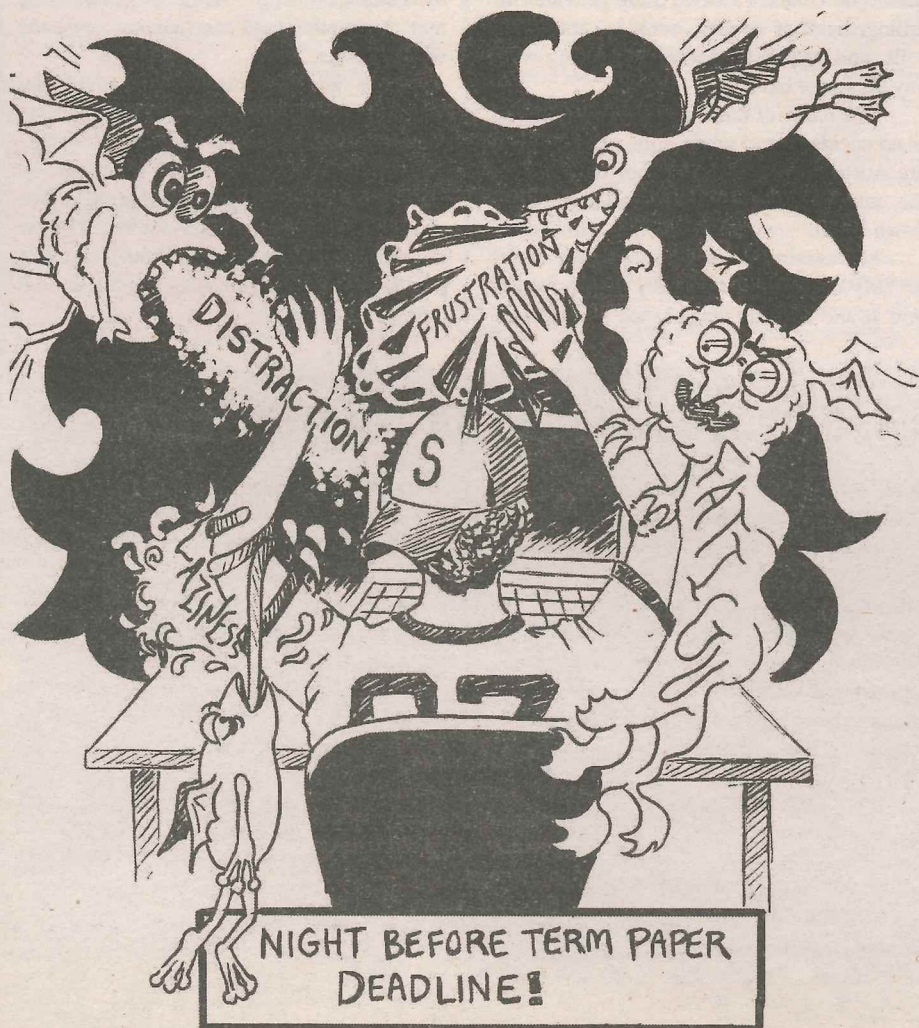
Because she is kind of a hippie, she is a seven on a scale from one to 10 in liberalism, a 10 being a communist and a one believing there should be world peace and everyone deserves a hug, including trees. She hasn't read any books lately, which shows just how much she's into saving trees, or just that she doesn't have the time, patience, energy or will to read. She plays tennis, at least she did in high school, and was not a band geek or choir girl.

Her music tastes are that of a true hippie. In general, she likes "classic rock," a made-up genre that is attached to any late-'60s, early-'70s music by radio stations. She listens to Bob Dylan, The Rolling Stones and The Beatles. She didn't say that she preferred John Lennon over Paul McCartney, but everybody knows a true hippie prefers Lennon.

She'd like to listen to this music in her dream car, a convertible forest-green white-roofed Mini Cooper with white racing stripes and a supercharger, not the General Lee Dodge Charger.

She would cruise around in her Mini Cooper with Amanda Katz, but she does not have one or know Amanda Katz. So instead, she cruises around in her Saturn Ion with her boyfriend whom she claims she actually likes.

She's graduating in May and gives the following advice to freshmen, "Enjoy the next four years of your life because it's kind of scary when it's ending." Also, when asked about what she'd tell people to do in Menomonie for fun, she said, "When it's nice out, there's a lot of stuff to do in Menomonie," proving there is lots of stuff to do in Menomonie when it's "nice" out. When it isn't "nice," there may not be as much to do. Finally, she gave this last piece of wisdom at the end of her interview: "Do I have to end on a quote?"



Elena Griggs/Stoutonia

Epic poem turned movie pretty to look at

Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

For those who weren't in the smart English classes in high school, the story "Beowulf" is actually an epic poem about a hero who rescues the great hall of a Danish lord from the monster Grendel and his big bad momma.

"Beowulf," which means "Noble Wolf" in Anglo Saxon (the language that it was originally composed in) is the oldest surviving English poem. With the help of a little French when the Normans took over in 1066, it was eventually molded from the old Anglo Saxon tongue and became the English we know and love today, fit for modern English speakers to understand.

It's still, however, a very difficult poem to get through for many. But luckily for those people, the story is now captured on the big screen. And I mean "big;" the cinematic 3-D adventure known as "Beowulf" is being shown not only on the big screen, but in IMAX theaters across the country.

While the movie (loosely) follows the storyline of the original poem, the allure of this movie is not the execution of telling an ancient fairytale, but the epic computer-generated battle scenes that infiltrate the entire movie. One might think that a movie with only battle scenes can get long and boring, but the imagery and imagination behind each scene keeps the viewer in full sway throughout the feature.

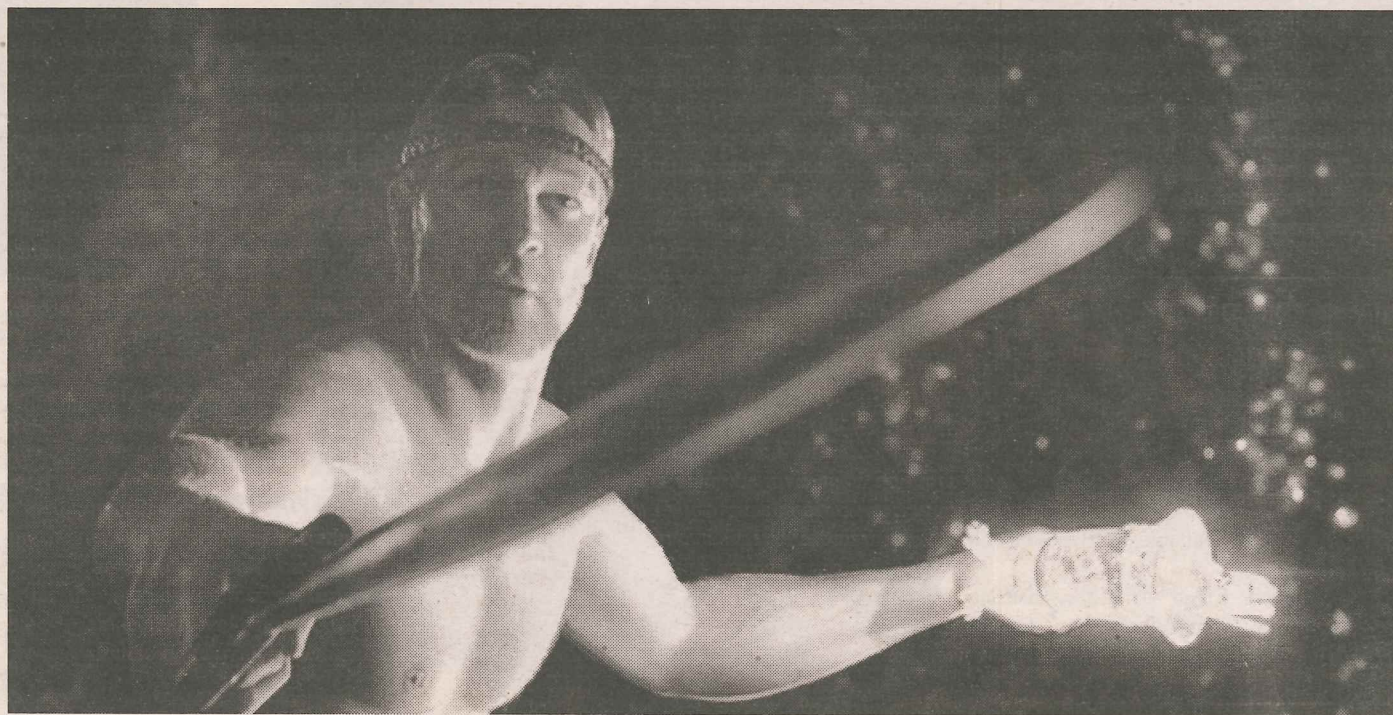
This epic CG execution of the old poem was directed by Robert Zemeckis, who has also directed the "Back to the Future" trilogy, "Contact" and "Castaway," among others.

Neil Gamon, a Brit-born author who calls Menomonie, Wis. his home base, wrote the screen play with Roger Avary, who has writ-

ten screenplays for movies like "Pulp Fiction," "Reservoir Dogs" and "Silent Hill." Together, Zemeckis and the writers created the movie in a way that mimicked the feel of the ancient poem, keeping to an eerie, haunting style of old English dialogue and storytelling.

This movie is pure entertainment for the

eyeballs – if the viewer isn't insulted by the fact that the storyline doesn't live up to the storyline of the oldest existing monument to the written English language. In order to fully appreciate this movie, it is advisable to make the trek to Carmike Cinemas in Eau Claire, Wis. to watch it in 3-D.



While computer-generated films are infiltrating the movie market, "Beowulf" does not disappoint in visualization of the ancient, epic Norse poem. Follow the legendary figure Beowulf as he defeats demons, wins a crown and romances the babes. Rottentomatoes.com

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Holiday buyer's guide for gamers on your list

Brian Muller
Staff Writer

With the holidays fast approaching, video game publishers are pushing out as many games as they can. Some of the best games of the year hit shelves during this time. Unfortunately, some not so good games also show up as well.

For the average college gamer, there are usually more games than money available to spend. Whether it's a personal purchase, or a gift for a friend, here are some good choices to look around for this month.

For those interested in a more action-packed ride, titles like "Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare" and "Assassin's Creed" should provide everything and more. "Call of Duty 4", available for the Xbox 360 and Playstation 3, is the latest military war shooter in the famous "Call of Duty" series. Instead of going back to World War II, "Call of Duty 4" places the gamer in a fictional, futuristic war.

However, if the past is more interesting, then "Assassin's Creed" might be the right choice. Also available on Xbox 360 and Playstation 3,

"Assassin's Creed" is a free-roaming game similar to "Grand Theft Auto." Except instead of guns and vehicles, there are swords and horses that Altair, a skilled assassin, uses to kill his targets. When exposed to guards, Altair has the entire city to disappear into.

If something that's great for everyone is looking like a better choice, then the recent release, "Super Mario Galaxy" on the Nintendo Wii, is something to look for. "Galaxy" is the next evolution in Mario's platforming games, taking the gameplay from "Super Mario 64" and "Super Mario Sunshine" to next level.

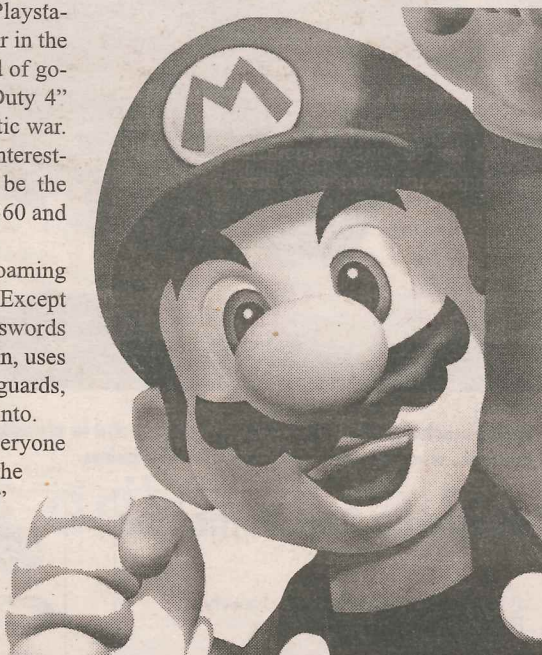
Instead of staying in the Mushroom Kingdom, though, Mario is taken to outer space. From the varying temperatures of FreezeFlame Galaxy to the giant bee colony in Honeyhive Galaxy, "Super Mario Galaxy" is sure to be fun for everyone, especially since a second player can help out with a second Wii controller to collect items or add momentum to a jump.

And for the gamer always on the run, there are some portable games to look out for as well. "The Legend of Zelda: Phantom

Hourglass" for the Nintendo DS and "Silent Hill: Origins" are good choices. "Phantom Hourglass" innovates on the classic Zelda gameplay by introducing a stylus control scheme that requires little button use.

"Silent Hill: Origins" is another sequel of a long-running franchise, this time letting gamers learn of the beginning of the mysterious town, "Silent Hill". And like usual, "Origins" keeps the horror and disgusting atmosphere of the regular games, except on a smaller screen. Those with weak hearts should stay away from "Origins."

There are many great games available during this holiday season, but the above are all some of the best for their consoles. All are currently available at most retailers that sell video games.



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There are many selections to choose from for those who have the hard-to-buy-for gamers on their list. Explore the possibilities for many of the different game consoles.

Just a reminder that the student-run publication Prometheus will be accepting literary masterpieces from students until Dec. 14. All submissions received before that date will be eligible for cash prizes but works will be accepted until Jan. 31. Prometheus is an annual publication compilation of art work, prose, poetry, and photography by University of Wisconsin-Stout students. It is an opportunity for students to put their work in the spotlight and add publishing to their resumes and portfolios. Send submissions as attachments to Prometheus@uwstout.edu

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Will you be my friend? | Planning a dinner party for those you like best

Ashley Smolen

Food Columnist

With the holiday season here and quickly inching towards Christmas, it's a great time to pull together a group of friends and have a dinner party. Though the concept may seem overwhelming at first glance, it's amazing how incredibly fun, easy and inexpensive hosting a party can be.

Breaking down the planning process helps to alleviate any potential last minute stress or nervousness that can be a part of creating a successful gathering. The following information serves as a guide for the aspiring host or hostess to create a successful dinner party for a gathering of friends, which is a great weekend event, whether it be Christmastime, St. Patrick's Day, or anywhere in between.

First thing's first

The first step in creating a dinner party covers the ideas of who, what, where and when. Think about a theme. This may be a rather easy decision based on the time of year. Does a holiday dinner lend itself well to the time? Is there an upcoming football game that would allow for a lot of team colors? Pick something that excites both you and your friends.

Next, think about who should come to this gathering. Choose friends or family, or really go out on a limb and invite individuals you'd like to get to know better. Consider what type of dinner this gathering should be; a pot luck is a great way to ease some of the pressure. A standing dinner allows for a lot of light finger food while everyone mingles; a sit down dinner can be a great way to reminisce and catch up with your invitees.

It's a good idea to start this venue of planning as early on as possible. If at all possible, shoot for about a month before the

actual event to allow plenty of time for planning, and ample time for guests to find room in their plans.

Once the potential guest list is established, consider how invitations should be sent. Though e-mail is a quick and convenient way to handle matters, area stores have fun party invitations that add a special touch to the upcoming day. Request that guests RSVP at least two weeks prior to the date, so that the food quantity may be adjusted accordingly. Moving right along

After invitations are sent out, start thinking about recipes. The Internet is a great starting point for all types of foods, regardless of how simple or complicated. Keep in mind that most recipes are designed for four servings. This will have to be adjusted depending on the number of guests.

To change this, simply multiply the recipe by a factor to yield the proper amount. For instance, if a recipe serves four, but 12 guests are expected, multiply the original recipe by three. Also keep in mind that having a little extra never hurts; most leftovers can be frozen and kept for later.

Once recipes are chosen, consider grocery shopping, as well as setting aside steps that can be done ahead of time. For instance, if a spaghetti and meatball dinner is planned, consider making the meatballs two weeks before and freezing them so they simply need to be thawed and cooked the day of the event, to save a lot of time and energy.

The countdown begins

By the time a week prior to the event rolls around, the guest list should be finalized, recipes should be chosen, grocery shopping should be done and with any luck, a portion of the recipes may already be frozen, awaiting their debut. Also consider any type of decorations that could add to the party's atmosphere.

The day of

First and foremost, don't forget to breathe! Hosting a dinner party can be a lot of work. Don't expect everything to go perfectly. Some of the best dinner party moments will be the ones that were most unexpected. Don't let nerves become an enemy! Be sure meal preparation is started with ample time before guests are set to arrive; allow time for error or a quick run to the store in case of a forgotten item. It's better to have too much time than not enough!

Be sure table needs are set out, with everything from napkins and glasses to silverware and toothpicks. Consider setting a table or leaving supplies in a pile for guests to take at their own need.

As guests begin arriving, don't be afraid

to enlist in the help of friends. After all, they came for the food and friends—most are so thrilled to have a home cooked meal that they'll willingly do just about anything!

Even if time becomes a little crunched and the meatballs become rock hard, don't worry! If all else fails, there's always a take-out menu from the local pizza joint. The most important thing is to remember that dinner parties are supposed to be fun and relaxing!

Take each step of the process as it comes and don't let little snafus become huge problems. As was stated before, some of the biggest mistakes can become the best results! The more times one plans a dinner party, the easier it becomes. Above all, relax, have fun, and enjoy the great time that friends and food have to offer!

-Final Checklist-

A Month Before

- guestlist, date and place chosen, invitations sent (include directions if needed)
- recipes chosen
- theme established

A Week Before

- groceries bought
- dinnerware style/needs established
- garbage disposal system is in place
- early steps of recipe (if applicable) are finished and in the freezer
- guestlist is finalized

The Day Of

- cooking starts early
- table is set (if applicable)
- coat rack/room is decided
- drinks are ready for guests upon arrival
- finishing touches are done, from decorations to clean up

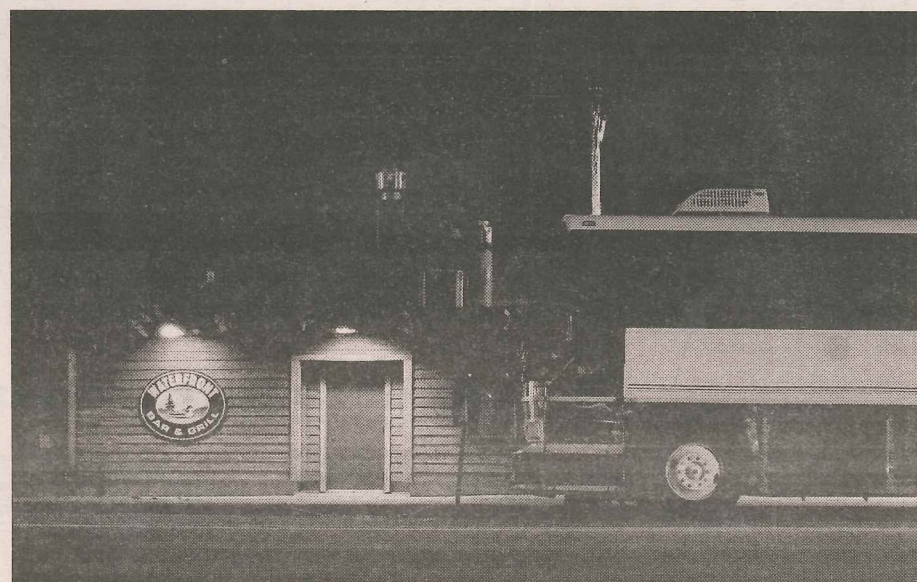
Local venue shows support for Dunn County women's shelter



Drew Retherford/Stoutonia

The Waterfront played host to the Bridge to Hope on Saturday, Dec. 1. This is the first year that the benefit has been held in the Dunn County area, as it is usually held in Eau Claire. "This way all of the proceeds go to the Dunn County woman's shelter instead of splitting it with Eau Claire," said Ali Fromader, senior in human development and family resources (pictured above second from left). At the event there was live music, a raffle and prizes to be won.

Fromader, a bartender at Waterfront, helped bring the event to Menomonie, inspired by one of her classes. "The professor thought that Stout students weren't involved enough in the community," said Fromader, "so this benefit is a way to start changing that." The event raised \$650 for the local woman's shelter.



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Women's basketball starts WIAC play with a loss

By Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's basketball team dropped its first Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference game to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire on Dec. 1 with a score of 59-70.

The Blue Devils were within four points in the beginning of the second half, cutting down the 12-point lead the Blugolds had at the half, where freshman Tricia Van Vreede hit a jump shot to put the Blue Devils down by four with a score of 30-34.

The Blugolds owned the next six points, then UW-Stout cut UW-Eau Claire's lead back down to four when senior Lindsey Geissler hit two free throws. Giessler had not missed a free throw in 28 shots at the line. She was six for six in free throws against the Blugolds. The Blue Devils were led by sophomore Julia Hirssig with 17 points, 12 of which she had in the second half, junior Charlee Edwards had 11 points, Giessler and Van Vreede also added in nine points.

UW-Stout shot 17 of 59 from the floor. The team was 22 of 27 at the free-throw line. This was the team's first conference in the Johnson Fieldhouse since December 2005.

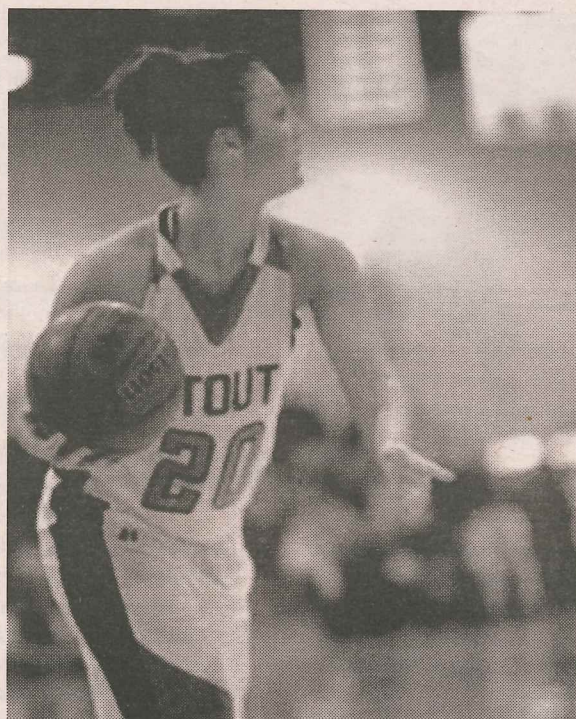
The Blue Devils beat Northland College on Nov. 28 with a score of 69-48. UW-Stout had an 11-0 lead early on in the game and Northland was never able to fight back. The majority of the game the Blue Devils led by nine points. Hirssig led the way for the Blue Devils with 19 points and 10 rebounds for her third double-double of the season. She

also contributed two blocks. Junior Dani Boese also added eight points by shooting three of seven and had a game high of three assists. Edwards had four steals for a game high.

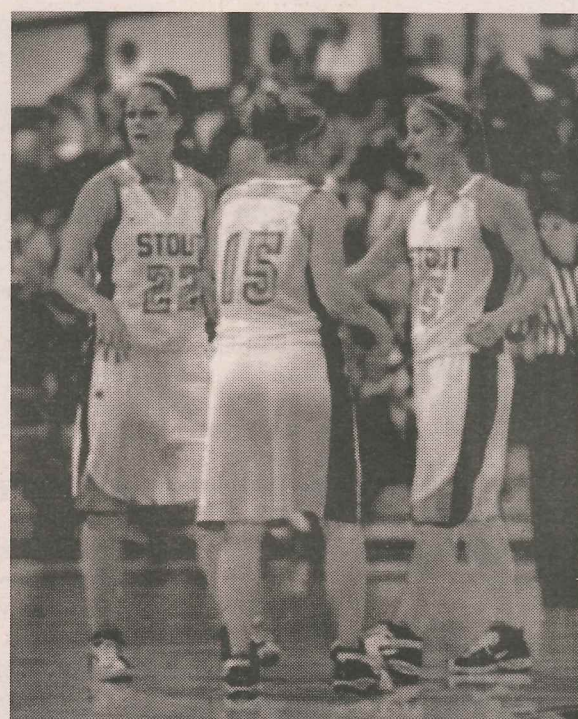
UW-Stout held their Thanksgiving tournament on Nov. 23-25, playing games against the St. Scholastica Saints and Bemidji State. UW-Stout opened the tournament against St. Scholastica on Nov. 23.

The team pulled off a big win, with a score of 90-48. Halfway through the first half, the score was tied at 19 when junior Lindsey Gerber started a 33-8 run for the Blue Devils to end the first half.

Leading the way for the Blue Devils were Edwards, who had five steals, three of which came in the first minute and a half of the game. Gerber led the way with 16 points, shooting three of six from behind the 3-point line, and 6-11 from the floor. Van Vreede led



UW-Stout's senior guard Lindsey Geissler drives the ball to the hole in a game against UW-Eau Claire.



The Blue Devil women's basketball team game plans for their upcoming opponent, the Blugolds.

the team in rebounds with eight and was also 6-6 at the free-throw line. The team was 25-27 from the free-throw line (92.6 percent).

On UW-Stout's second game of the tournament on Nov. 25, the team was unable to pull out a win against Bemidji State, losing with a score of 84-92. The Blue Devils were able to lead for the majority of the first half, but Bemidji State took a one point lead with five minutes left in the half.

From there it was back and forth until the end of the half. Bemidji had a 43-42 lead at the half. With 8:41 left in the game, UW-Stout had a six-point lead until Bemidji State's Heidi Matzke hit two free throws, a layup and a 3-point shot to put them in the lead, 72-66. From that point on UW-Stout was unable to regain the lead.

The Blue Devils had three players with double-doubles. Hirssig led the way with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Van Vreede had 15 points and Geissler had 12 points. UW-Stout shot 22-33 from the free throw line.

The Blue Devils gained their first win of the season with a 73-46 victory over the Northwestern Eagles on Nov. 20. UW-Stout took advantage of Northwestern on defense, forcing 30 turnovers, 19 of which were in

the first half. Hirssig put up a game high 17 points for UW-Stout; 10 came in the first half. Hirssig also had 13 rebounds and went three of four from the free throw line. At the half, UW-Stout was leading 35-22 after they forced 19 turnovers. Everyone but one person that traveled was able to see some playing time.

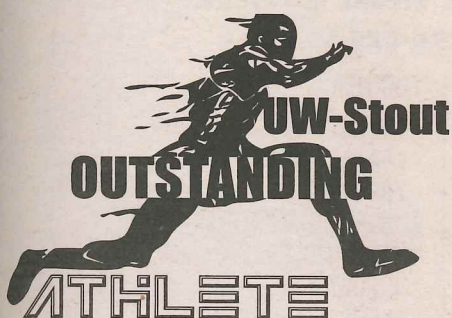
UW-Stout was unable to pull out a victory against St. Cloud State on Nov. 17, losing with a score of 72-87. This was the second consecutive National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II loss. Hirssig led the way with 19 points. Also chipping in points were Van Vreede with 14 and Geissler added in 10.

The team lost to Minnesota State University- Mankato 64-91 on Nov. 16 in Minnesota. Minnesota State led the game almost from the beginning. Edwards led the way with 19 points and Hirssig added in 12.

The team played the University of Wisconsin- River Falls on Dec. 5 in River Falls, Wis. They will play

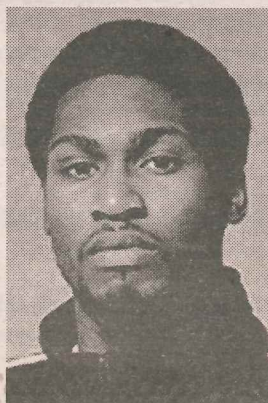
the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Dec. 8 in Oshkosh, Wis. and they will play Finlandia University on Dec. 11 at home.

Over the Christmas break the team will play in the Land of Magic Tournament in Daytona Beach, Florida.



Miles Webb

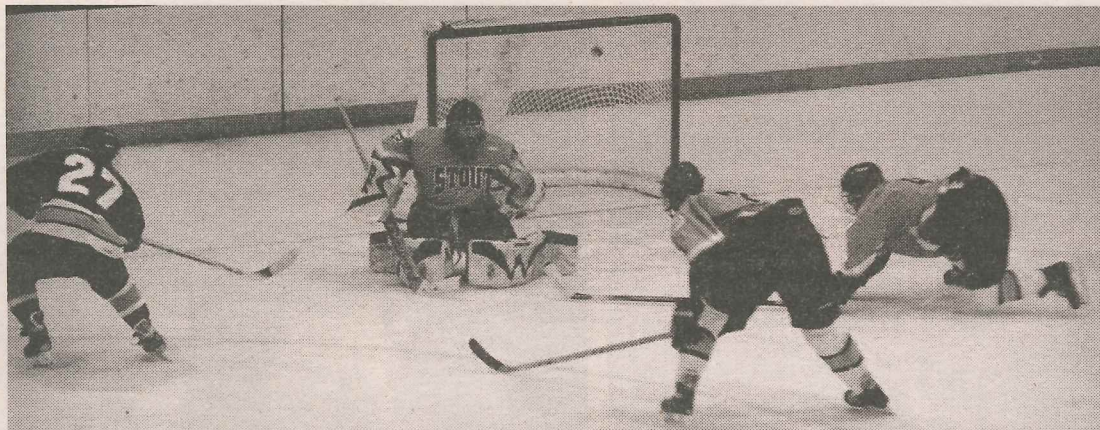
This six-foot-three-inch senior from Brooklyn Park, Minn. is a former University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Gopher. As a senior in high school, Webb averaged 20 points and six rebounds per game, and set a school record for most points and 3-pointers made in a single game with 42 points and eight 3-pointers.



Webb was named as the WIAC men's basketball athlete of the week after scoring 52 points over two games as UW-Stout won their own tip-off tournament.

The Blue Devils defeated Finlandia University (Mich.), 93-89 in overtime. The Blue Devils also beat Viterbo University, 81-63, in the championship game. Webb scored a total of 32 points against Finlandia, which was the most points scored by a UW-Stout player since 2003. He also managed to pull in 11 rebounds. Against Viterbo, Webb displayed more of a defensive clinic as he scored 20 points, four steals, two assists and four rebounds.

Some wins, a loss, and a tie...oh my



Contributed photo by Garrett Guntley

UW-Stout's junior goalie Matt Koenig had a jaw dropping 33 saves in the 2-1 victory over UW-Eau Claire on Saturday, Dec. 1 at Eau Claire, Wis.

By Michael Broetzmann
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin Stout men's hockey team has continued its action over the past few weeks and has had a roller coaster of results, including their first loss and tie as a team. The action started on Nov. 15th as the team took center ice in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association opener

against University of Wisconsin-Superior. This game went scoreless all the way into overtime, when UW-Superior finally broke the tension with a goal just two minutes into overtime, and also serving UW-Stout its first loss of the season.

The team then traveled up to Duluth, Minn. two days later to hopefully redeem itself against another tough conference opponent at the College of St. Scholastica.

The teams battled it out all game, exchanging goals, but in the end UW-Stout got the edge with a 6-5 win on the road.

UW-Stout hit the road again early next week for a Tuesday night game against the nationally ranked St. Thomas squad. This was another close game for UW-Stout, as it was behind late in the game when Joel Gaulrapp, the sophomore from Owatonna, Minn. scored with just 54 seconds remaining to send the game into overtime. Neither team

though was able to make anything in the extra time as the final score was 3-3.

After a short Thanksgiving break, the team resumed play just last Friday as it played host to University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point at the Dunn County Ice Rink. This fast-paced match was a great display of the team as it scored quickly and took advantage of power play opportunities as it went four for eight on the night. Joel Gaulrapp continued

to show us all what he is capable of doing as he scored two of the goals in the game.

The team rounded out its weekend with another win, as it went down to Eau Claire, Wis. to face the BluGolds. The resilient UW-Stout squad ground out another close win as Andy Sternberg scored with just 29 seconds remaining to lift the team to another win.

One name that has come up continuously throughout the season is that of Joel Gaulrapp. As mentioned earlier for his primetime performances in the past few weeks, Gaulrapp's performance isn't going unnoticed in the conference, as he was named the NCHA player of the week for the second time this season. This young transfer from UW-Superior has already tallied 11 goals and nine assists on the season, most of which were timely and crucial to the success of the team. Continue to watch and expect big things from him.

After all the play, the team sits at a 10-1-1 record overall, and sits with a 3-0-1 record in the NCHA. The team will be in action this weekend as they will travel to De Pere, Wis. to face the top-ranked St. Norbert's Squad on Friday, and will travel to Lake Forest, Ill. on Saturday, in which will sure to be a tough weekend for the team.

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Men's basketball season officially underway

UW-Stout falls to 3-4 with a loss to UW-River Falls on Saturday, Dec. 1

By Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's basketball season is fully underway, as they have shown a lot of promise during the first few games of the season.

Newcomers Alex Mason and Miles Webb have stepped up their play and are showcasing the talents that caught the eye of Coach Ed Andrist. While these two have made sizeable contributions, the overall performance of the team is what has allowed them to start the season a respectable three wins and three losses.

One of their losses was to Division II runner up Winona State in just the third game of the season. The Blue Devils are doing a collectively good job of shooting and rebounding, which is allowing them to be competitive in every game. Here is an opportunity for the UW-Stout campus to catch up on all the action taken place this season.

Vs. Finlandia, W 93-89 OT: Friday, Nov. 16th was the season opener for the Blue Devils in the UW-Stout Tip-Off Tournament. The game started off with a fairly even back and forth tempo, but as the first half wore on, Finlandia was able to create some defensive pressure and close out the first half with a commanding 45-34 lead.

Following the intermission, a fire seemed to be lit underneath the Blue Devils as they came out of the locker room with significant energy. The deficit was finally overcome with 13 minutes remaining when Jamal Khan sank a 3-pointer to tie the game at 50.

Both teams stepped up the intensity as the margin of score was never

greater than four points following the Khan three ball. Playing their way through the remainder of the second half, the game remained close and Finlandia had several opportunities to put the game completely out of reach but they left the window of opportunity just open enough as sophomore Josh Huetl converted a layup with just 12 seconds remaining.

This left the score at 81-81 and the defense was able to prevent Finlandia from attempting a game-winning shot.

As regulation ended and the score was tied, overtime was next on the agenda. The

Blue Devils entered overtime on a roll, as they never trailed in the final period. Finlandia was able to tie the game at 89 with just under two minutes to go, but last year's leading scorer Jerrel Enerson-Matthews ran down a fast break and made a layup with 12 seconds to go, giving UW-Stout the lead for good. Miles Webb was the game's leading scorer and rebounder with 32 points and 11 boards. With the victory, they advanced to the championship game the following day.

Vs. Viterbo, W 81-63: In the championship game of the UW-Stout Tip-Off Tournament, UW-Stout faced Viterbo University. The defense played a spectacular game as it was able to hold the V-Hawks to a 30 percent shooting clip. It was also able to hold all but one player to single digits in the point's category, this was Eric Ambrose who led all scorers with 27 points.

The Blue Devils picked up another double-double from the starting line-up, as this time Jerrel Enerson-Matthews picked up 19 points to go with a career high 10 assists.

The leading scorer, for the second game in a row, was Miles Webb with 20 points. The boards were kept under control

by Eric Heisler who led with 7 rebounds while also chipping in 13 points. The win allowed the Blue Devils to start off the season 2-0. The offensive output by Webb in the first two games earned him WIAC conference player of the week honors.

@ Winona State, L 95-68: The first legitimate challenge faced by the Blue Devils was the number one ranked team from Division II, the Winona State Warriors. Being the first road game of the season, the Blue Devils had to focus on the game at hand while not

letting the rowdy Winona State crowd affect their concentration.

They started the game off in a positive way by hanging with the Warriors through the early goings of the first half. They were even able to take their first lead of the game when freshman Jerrod Buchholtz sank a 3-pointer to give them a 19-17 lead.

Winona decided at that point to stop letting their Division III counterparts hang around and initiated a 18-5 rally that ultimately swung the momentum in the Warriors' favor. With their first basket at the beginning of the second half, Winona State

never held a lead less than 20 points for the remainder of the night.

Buchholtz, along with newcomer Alex Mason were tied for the lead in scoring with 15 points apiece. Current WIAC player of the week, Miles Webb, contributed 14 in the defeat. UW-Stout as a whole shot only 37 percent from the field and will be looking to improve that mark as they move on to hosting the Super 8 Turkey Shootout. Along with UW-Stout, participants include: Northland College, Bemidji State University and Puget Sound University.

Vs. Northland College, W 73-53: Hosting their second tournament of the season, Blue Devils basketball was looking to replicate the same effort and endure the same results. They got half the job done as they were able to displace Northland College in a 20 point victory that placed them in the championship game for the second time in as many tournaments.

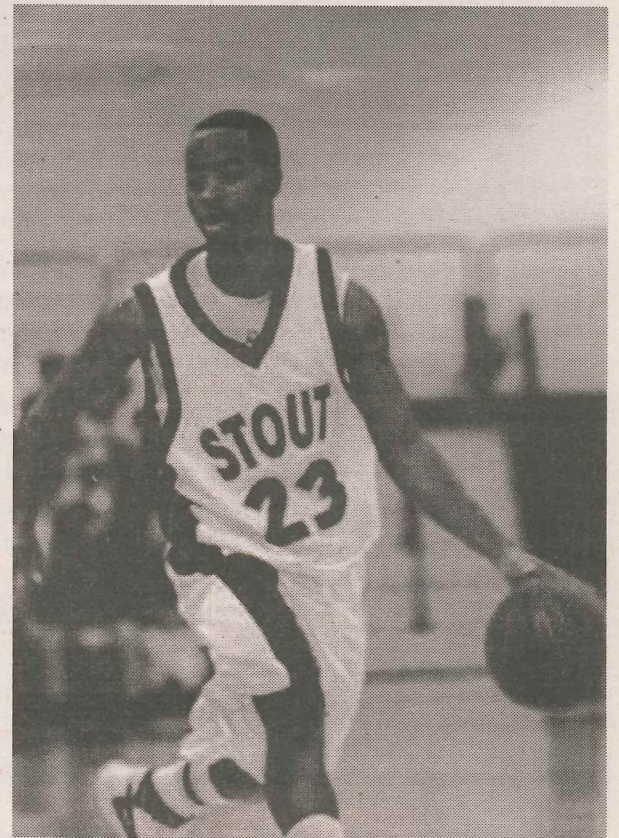
The intangibles in this game were bench play, as UW-Stout was able to shut down any fresh leg surprises from the Lumberjack bench. The deep Blue Devils were able to exploit Northland the entire game as they continued to rotate rested players into the game. In the end they held a 26-10 advantage in points from the bench. This was one of the most balanced efforts by the team at this point in the season.

The leading scorer in this contest was again Miles Webb who tacked on 15 of his 21 points in the second half. With the victory, the Blue Devils will now play Puget Sound, the 4-0 team that readily disposed of challenger Bemidji State 91-68.

Vs. Puget Sound University, L 85-70: Putting themselves in position to win their second tournament of the season the Blue Devils came into this game against a team that liked to play at an up-tempo style. The Loggers of Puget Sound University had come into the game averaging just less than 105 points a game.

They were certainly expected to play an up-tempo game again and came out on the winning end 85-70. The storyline of this game was too many turnovers for the Blue Devils and horrible efficiency at converting 3-point shots (1 of 17 from beyond the arc).

Whenever UW-Stout was threatening to make a run or take a lead, the Loggers upped the energy and kept running away



Contributed-photo by Layne Pitt

UW-Stout's junior Alex Mason looks to score in the first half against the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds on Saturday, Dec. 1.

with the lead. Twenty three points were tallied by Webb as he led all scorers. Enerson-Matthews grabbed eight rebounds to go along with 12 points. While UW-Stout was able to shoot a respectable 50 percent from the field, their inefficiencies from three point land contributed to the loss.

Vs. UW-Eau Claire, L 72-63: As UW-Stout prepared to open conference play, they also prepared for another feat, defeating the Blugolds for the eighth straight time. This was also the conference opener for Eau Claire and they were focused on starting their WIAC slate with a victory.

The Blugolds were able to obtain their goal by playing very careful basketball and giving up only six turnovers. After the half, both teams increased their shooting percentage as UW-Stout looked to come back from a six point deficit. They gave their very best but once Eau Claire built up a double digit lead they were able to control the clock in the waning minutes of the game.

Leading scorers for the Blue Devils were Alex Mason with 20 along with 12 points by each Webb and Enerson-Matthews. Eau Claire was led by Dan Beyer and Ryan Shea with 20 and 17 points, respectively. With the victory, Eau Claire snapped the aforementioned seven game losing streak to the Blue Devils. These teams will face off each other again on Feb. 23rd at Eau Claire.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Women's Basketball

Record: 3-5

UW-Stout women's basketball team pulled to within four points against the UW-Eau Claire Bugolds before halftime, coming back from a 12 point deficit. Unfortunately momentum was not on UW-Stout's side, as they fell to the UW-Eau Claire Bugolds 59-70. The Blue Devils were led by sophomore Julia Hirssig with 17 points and Charlee Edwards with 11. The Blue Devils finished the day 28.8 percent (17-of-59) from the field, while Eau Claire finished with a surprising 46.9 percent (23-49).

Next game: (Away) Wednesday Dec. 8 at Oshkosh, Wis. at 7 p.m.



Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 10-1-1

The Blue Devil hockey team continued their impressive season with a win over UW-Eau Claire 2-1 on Saturday, Dec. 1. UW-Stout's Andy Sternberg scored the game winning goal with a mere 29 seconds left in regulation, lifted the Blue Devils to a 2-1 victory over UW-Eau Claire at Hobbs Ice Arena.

Next game: (Away) Friday, Dec. 7 at St. Norbert, Green Bay, Wis. at 7 p.m.



Men's Basketball

Record: 3-4

The UW-Stout men's basketball team started their season with two quick wins over Finlandia and Viterbo on Nov. 16 and 17. However on Dec. 1 UW-Stout's seven game winning streak over UW-Eau Claire came to an end when the Bugolds defeated the Blue Devils, 63-72 at Johnson Fieldhouse. UW-Stout's junior Alex Mason scored a personal season-high with 20 points on 7-11 shooting.

Next game: (Away) Saturday, Dec. 8 at Oshkosh, Wis. at 3 p.m.

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Thursday, December 6

- Delicious December Dishes – QFP Meal. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Corner III, 3rd Floor, Home Economics Building
- Photo Sale – Professional and Matted. \$10 each. Noon to 5 p.m. Library Lobby
- Make Christmas Cards for the Troops sponsored by the Society of the Advancement of Management. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ballroom C, MSC

Friday, December 7

- Winter Trek. Sign up by December 3rd. Pre-trip meeting on December 4, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cost: \$130 student, \$150 community. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Saturday, December 8

- UW-Stout's 1st Hmong New Year. Cost: free to Stout students, \$5 general public, \$3 12 years and under, free 5 years and under. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Multipurpose Room, Johnson Fieldhouse
- Phi Theta Chi Pancake Breakfast. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Leisure Center, Menomonie

Tuesday, December 11

- Stout Apparel Sale. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Ballroom C, MSC
- Holiday Buffet. Cost: \$7.95 in advance, \$8.95 day of event. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Great Hall, MSC
- Holiday Feast 2007. 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Commons

Wednesday, December 12

- Holiday Feast 2007. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tainter
- Women's Climbing Night. Cost: free to members, \$5 non-members. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Thursday, December 13

- WinterDaze Holiday Parade and Fireworks. 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Downtown Menomonie
- Apparel Design and Development Program Holiday Dinner. Cost: \$10. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ballrooms B and C, MSC

Friday, December 14

- Last Day of Classes
- Art and Design Senior Show. 7 p.m. Applied Arts

Saturday, December 15

- December Commencement. 9:30 a.m. Johnson Field House

Monday, December 17

- Evaluation Week Begins

Tuesday, December 18

- EDGE Program: Duplicating/ Printing. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Room 205, Millennium Hall

Friday, December 21

- Evaluation Week Ends

Entertainment

Thursday, December 6

- Final Show of Make it Out of Menomonie – music. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Friday, December 7

- Club Stout – Luau hosted by Wigen's HEC. 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Basement of CKTO.
- Menomonie Theater Guild presents "Nuncrackers." Cost: \$15 adults, \$14 seniors/ students. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

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Thursday, December 13

- Open Mic. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Friday, December 14

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Saturday, December 15

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Sunday, December 16

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Tuesday, December 18

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Friday, December 21

- Robert Baca Jazz Orchestra "A Swinging Holiday Adventure" – music. Cost: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/ students, \$6 children. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Athletics

Wednesday, December 5

- Women's Basketball at UW-River Falls. 7 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. UW-River Falls. 7 p.m.

Friday, December 7

- Hockey at St. Norbert. 7:05 p.m.

Saturday, December 8.

- Women's Basketball at UW-Oshkosh. 1 p.m.

- Men's Basketball at UW-Oshkosh. 3 p.m.
- Hockey at Lake Forest. 3 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11

- Women's Basketball vs. Finlandia University. 7 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Michigan Tech. 7 p.m. (et)

Wednesday, December 12

- Men's Basketball at Finlandia. 7:30 p.m. (et)

Friday, December 28

- Women's Basketball at Land of Magic Tournament, Daytona Beach, FL vs. SUNY-Oswego. 3 p.m.

Saturday, December 29

- Men's Basketball at Buena Vista College. 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 30

- Women's Basketball at Land of Magic Tournament, Daytona Beach, FL vs. Immaculata. 4 p.m.

Friday, January 4

- Hockey vs. So. Alberta Institute of Tech. (exhibition). 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 5

- Women's Basketball vs. UW-Platteville. 3 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. UW-Platteville. 5 p.m.

Wednesday, January 9

- Men's Basketball at Ripon College. 7 p.m.

Friday, January 11

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- Gymnastics at Winona State, 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 12

- Women's Basketball vs. UW-La Crosse, 3 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. UW-La Crosse, 5 p.m.
- Men and Women's Track at Northeast Open (Univ. Minnesota), Minneapolis, Minn., TBA

Sunday, January 13

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- Men's Basketball vs. UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.

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- Gymnastics at UW-Whitewater, 7 p.m.

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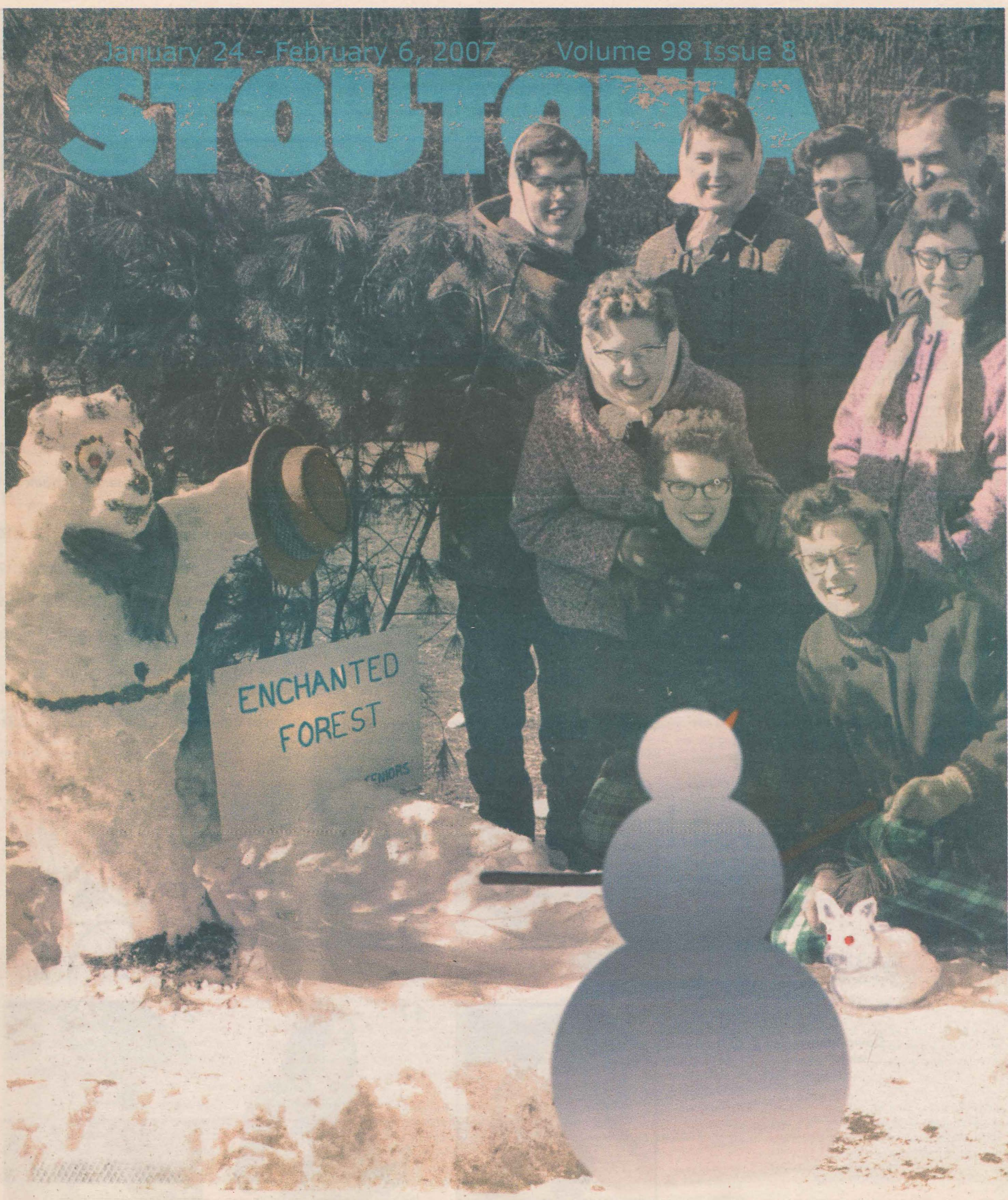
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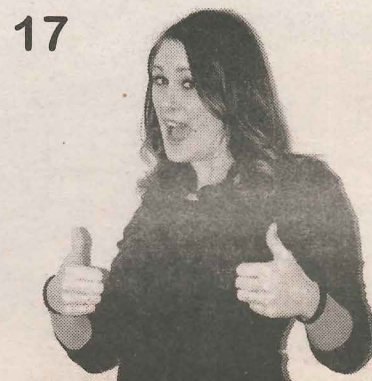
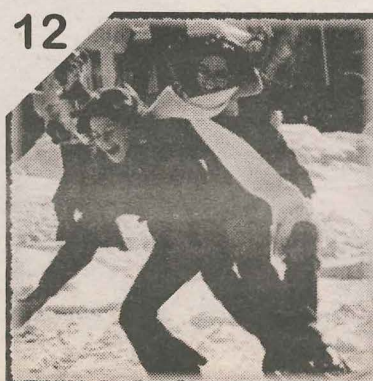
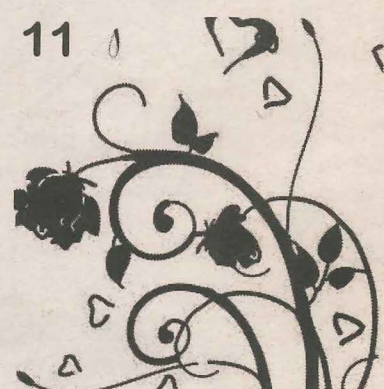
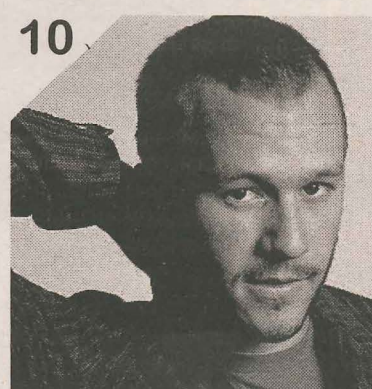
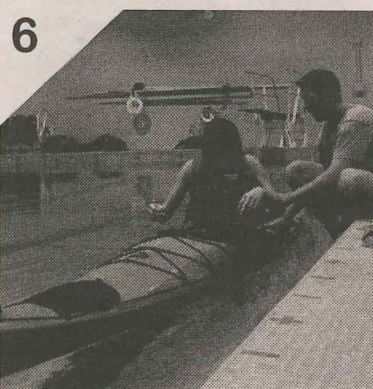
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Stout's new major is a GEM!

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

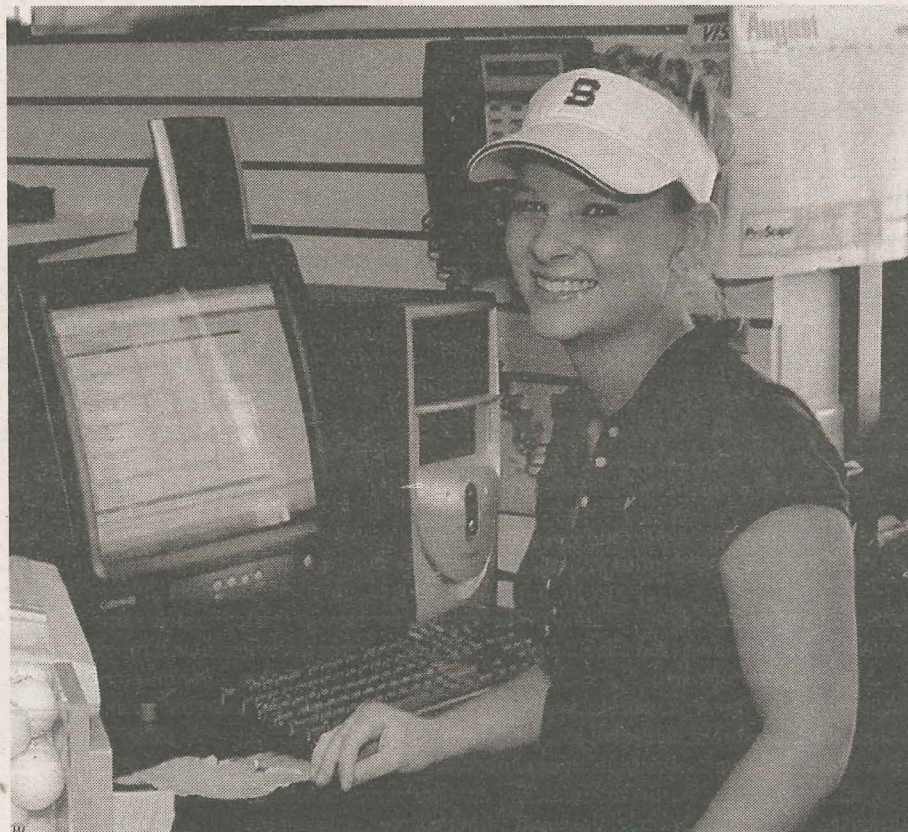
When choosing a major at University of Wisconsin-Stout, a student may pause over the Golf Enterprise Management Program and think, hey, I like golfing, how hard could learning to run a golf enterprise be? Rent a couple golf carts, clubs, print off a few maps and they're on their way, right?

It's not quite that easy, as the program director, Tom Franklin, explains: "From the sciences of chemistry, biology, and ecology to the business practices of accounting, marketing and human resource management, these students learn from a variety of disciplines in an academically rigorous program."

The major is really a collaboration of many majors, particularly business and science. The Business Administration program and UW-Stout requires just one internship, but Franklin mentions that, "Included in the four year program are two required internships [for the GEM program]." Though the title of this program sounds fun and easy, the reality is that it is a very difficult major to complete. So how many students actually enroll in the program?

"The program is only two years old and with nearly 200 students, the fastest growing program in the history of UW-Stout," states Franklin.

That growth on campus mimics the massive growth in the entire industry, Franklin says: "The students will graduate to entry



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A student in the Golf Enterprise Management program has a chance to practice her newly honed skills.

level management careers in the diverse, \$70 billion a year U.S. golf industry."

So if you are looking for a new, exciting major at UW-Stout, Franklin recommends

giving the GEM program a look. "The game of golf is a recreational sport, but the business of golf is challenging and influential around the world."

What do they do?

According to Tom Franklin, in a normal week, a GEM student may have to study all of the following areas:

1. Chemically and physically evaluate a soil's attributes for commercial and recreational value.
2. Conduct market research and implement marketing plans to attract new customers to a business.
3. Develop a business plan to build or renovate a business.
4. Understand different types of municipal bonds that may be used to enhance a construction project.
5. Understand how to reduce the carbon "foot-print" caused by bio-fuels, HVAC systems, electricity, and nutrient/waste recycling.
6. Understand how to enhance the aesthetic value of a facility.
7. Manage food and beverage components of a business.
8. Assess and manage wildlife habitat.

Stout students partner with medical device company

Maggie Meixl
Staff Writer

University of Wisconsin-Stout boasts numerous internship, cooperative experience and industry collaboration opportunities for its students. Healthy relationships with business professionals allow students to practice business before leaving the university.

The "hands-on, minds-on" approach of the UW-Stout manufacturing engineering program has imparted students' skills to the industry in the past through partnerships with companies including Hormel Foods, Toro and Polaris.

Lexion Medical of St. Paul, Minn., teamed up with manufacturing engineering majors last semester to automate a manufacturing system producing for a medical device, allowing students to apply book-learned engineering skills through real world experience while in school.

The patented and FDA-approved medi-

cal device is used to measure carbon dioxide (CO₂) injected into the body during an invasive operation. CO₂ opens the body cavity, allowing surgeons to work but has been known to bring about a long and painful recovery. The device manufactured by Lexion carefully warms and humidifies the CO₂ gas, providing patients the luxury of a quicker and less painful recovery time.

Automating the manufacturing process of the medical device increases the quality of the product by minimizing the risk of human error. UW-Stout students designed and built a prototype to manufacture the devices more effectively.

Projects of this kind are usually doled out over two semesters and two separate classes; the first is used entirely for research and design while the actual building is completed during the second. A capstone 2 engineering course made up of six students completed the assignment in a single semester.

Professors Mike Lorenzen and Lin Stra-

dins, the manufacturing engineering program directors, acted as co-managers during the venture. The students answered to them on deadlines and budget, just as they would in the industry.

Students were responsible for the job from start to finish. All designs were scrutinized and improved upon. Schedules, resources, budgets and quality assurance were undertaken nearly entirely by the classmates. The students were able to work with Lexion's procurement office and purchasing agents, an opportunity that college students typically do not have.

"The project becomes a passion for them," Stradins said. "By the time students graduate from UW-Stout, they will already have built something and seen firsthand the repercussions of their work."

The device the students made is a prototype. It is a proof of design that Lexion will make improvements on before putting it to work.

Two graduates who worked on the project are now employed by Lexion. Lucas Dudzik and Steve Williams went to work with the company after completing the project.

Students in the manufacturing engineering program can look forward to one of the highest average starting salaries of UW-Stout graduates. Creativity and the ability to "think outside of the box" are necessary attributes of any engineer.

"If you like solving puzzles and working with people and you take great pride in your work, then engineering is the major for you," Stradins said.

The university-industry partnership of automating the medical device assembly gave UW-Stout students the opportunity to apply their skills in a real world setting while allowing Lexion to harness the creativity of UW-Stout students.

Online opportunities | Not just blind-dates and being a You-Tube movie star

Brittany Bean
Staff Writer

These days, almost anything a person wants can be found online.

Feel like visiting Europe? Jump on Google Earth, and you'll be staring at the Eiffel Tower in less than a minute. Hoping to meet that special someone? Sites such as eHarmony or Match.com offer the opportunity to fall in love at the push of a button. How about getting a degree that could help you get the job of your dreams?

Look no further than the online course offerings at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Juli Hastings Taylor, Ph.D. is the program director for the Bachelor of Science in Career, Technical Education and Training at UW-Stout and author of the article "Traditional Yet Progressive: A Twist on Teacher Preparation" published in Sept. 2007.

According to Taylor's article, in the summer of 2006, the School of Education offered the 35-credit professional core of the CTET degree online.

Taylor says one reason for this is that there is a huge demand for online classes, especially from non-traditional students.

"Many learners have families and jobs and are committed to living in a community, and it is just not feasible to travel to a campus to take classes," Taylor said. "Life demands and activities are great, and their time is already spread across many responsibilities."

Raymond Hayes, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, agrees with

Taylor. He says one main reason UW-Stout began offering online courses is that students made it clear that it was impractical for them to leave their summer job at home in order to come to campus for summer classes.

Year round, students have obligations that compete for their time and focus. Online offerings provide a more accessible option for students, which makes it more likely that they will continue their education at UW-Stout.

"It's a tool that would be foolish to ignore," Hayes said.

Professor Dan Riordan, who teaches both in-class and online at UW-Stout, adds that in order to compete with other universities, UW-Stout needs to have online courses.

"There is a social demand for it," Riordan said. "Universities are business places in addition to learning places."

Learning is the main goal, however, and pursuing as many ways to deliver information to students as possible helps achieve that goal.

"When online learning came along, we wanted to see whether or not we could use the capabilities of these systems to change the classroom," Riordan said. "So it started out as a hybrid of online and face-to-face. We've become interested in the question: can you learn as well and with the same amount of satisfaction online? Yes, you can."

It all depends on the student and the instructor, according to Hayes.

"There are some students who enjoy

and thrive under that learning style. There are some who do not," Hayes said. "This is another delivery tool. It's not right for everyone, but we want to offer as many methods as we can for students to learn."

From the teacher's perspective, Taylor says that faculty members are both excited and cautious about online education. A big issue is that some instructors don't think their course content can be delivered in an online format.

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-Professor Dan Riordan

"The debate is still out about how to best convert courses to online delivery and still offer a high quality, rigorous course which emphasizes student growth and learning in specific knowledge and skill areas," Taylor said. "It's not enough to simply put all of your course handouts online."

Which brings up the questions of which type of teaching is harder to prepare for: online or in-class?

"Some teachers find that online courses are much more time consuming," Hayes said. "Initially there is more prep time to do be-

cause the instructor needs to learn how to use the drop box, discussion boards, etc. But any teacher who does good delivery is going to put a lot of time in."

"For me, online classes take more time for preparation and grading...I wouldn't say that it is more difficult, just different," Taylor said.

"Online," is Riordan's immediate response.

So the answers vary, but overall show that instructors put in a lot of extra time so that students can receive quality education at their convenience.

Not all faculty members at UW-Stout support this convenient approach to learning though.

"In any change there is a group of early adopters, and they all love it," Riordan said. "There is a middle range, who is at least okay with it. And then there is a group of permanent rejecters who are never going to do it."

Which is fine since Taylor, Hayes and Riordan all agree that online learning will never fully replace in-class learning.

Although the popularity of online courses is increasing, Riordan believes there is still too much of a demand for face-to-face interaction for in-class courses to be eliminated completely.

"Face-to-face is pleasant," Riordan said.

"I like to hear their voices and see their faces in class," Taylor adds. "Although, it is nice to be able to go to class in your pajamas every now and then."

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UW-Stout alumnus launches online resume builder

January starts a season of new resolutions. Some people resolve to find a new job. Fortunately, local jobseekers may not have to look far beyond their own backyards for resume help.

Roderick Sauskojus, a Minneapolis resident and a 1998 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stout, is helping job searchers everywhere post their resumes online.

Sauskojus and co-creator Micah Johnson launched GigTide, an online resume builder and hosting application in December.

"GigTide was a collaborative idea that came from my own resume-creating experience," Sauskojus said. "Not everyone is a

designer with the skills to create an engaging online resume."

Using GigTide, individuals can create and post online resumes and cover letters using templates and resume-writing tips. Once the resumes are created, individuals also can link to online portfolios, slideshows and video.

"We are working on implementing our own portfolio and social media solutions to complement the resumes," Sauskojus said.

Since the service launched, the site has received 24,000 visits from 129 countries and received positive feedback from bloggers around the world, according to Sauskojus.

For more information, go to www.gigtide.com.

UW-Stout and Mabel Tainter cohost MLK event

The University of Wisconsin-Stout and the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts presented a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 21. "How is Menomonee a Beloved Community?" was the theme of the event and relates directly to King's teachings about non-violence.

UW-Stout hosted three simultaneous one-hour dialogues in the Memorial Student Center. The discussions focused on the topics of sustainability, nonviolent communication and the local impact of King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail."

A candlelight procession was held from the MSC to the Mabel Tainter followed by a celebration of King's legacy through song and spoken word. The summary comments from the UW-Stout dialogues were also incorporated into the presentation.

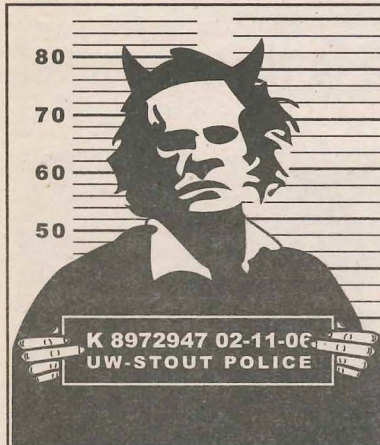
Performers and presenters at the Mabel Tainter included the River Heights Elementary School choir, the Knapp and Oaklawn Elementary School choirs, the Cedar Valley Brass Quintet, the Menomonee Middle School Bel Canto Choir and representatives from the Red Cedar Peace Initiative and Interfaith Volunteers of Dunn County.

UW-Stout adviser recognized as a Champion of Youth

Jill Lewis, academic advisor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout for the Educational Talent Search program, has been recognized as a special honoree of Marathon County's Champions of Youth Initiative. Lewis was honored for being an example of positive planning and decision making and for being a promoter of these same skills in youth through her work with the Educational Talent Search Program. Lewis said she enjoys helping students realize their options and potentials.

"The Educational Talent Search Program has been incredibly rewarding because it allows me to work with a variety of ages and topics," she said.

Lewis works in the Wittenberg-Birnhamwood School District with middle and high school students. At the middle school level, she works with students on building study and life skills and exploring career options. At the high school level, Lewis works with freshmen and sophomores on making career and school decisions. She works with juniors and seniors on making choices after high school, ACT testing, and completing college and financial aid applications.



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Tales of stupidity
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Lights are on and no one's home

Jan. 3, 2008, 7:02 pm

While on patrol, a UW-Stout police officer observed lights on in the Child and Family Study Center. He entered the building and searched the main floor and the basement. The officer did not locate anyone. Prior to leaving the building, he noticed that an office door that was usually closed and locked was ajar.

The officer turned the lights of the office on and saw that a cabinet holding a safe was open, along with the safe itself. The office appeared normal, as if no one had been in it. He proceeded to call the director of the center and explained to her what he observed. She said only her assistant and the police department have access to the safe and also mentioned that sometimes the custodian will open the office if it gets very cold outside.

The director asked the officer to secure the safe and lock the office before he left the building. He explained to the director that if she found anything missing from the safe to contact the police department in the morning.

If you leave your keys in your car while it's running, the car deserves to get stolen

Dec. 7, 2007, 1:25 am

A woman reported her vehicle stolen from the University of Wisconsin-Stout Parking Lot 20. She left the keys in the ignition while she ran into her Wigen Hall dorm room to change her clothes. She returned approximately 5-10 minutes later to find her car missing.

She called University Police for assistance. Upon their arrival, one of the responding officers located the vehicle approximately one block away. They provided the woman a ride to her vehicle. She looked through her vehicle and found no damage but her CD case with approximately 110 CDs was missing. She advised that no one had permission to take the vehicle or the CDs, which are valued at approximately \$1,760.00.

Welcome to stalkerbook, oops, I mean Facebook

Dec. 16, 2007, 10:05 pm

A woman called in to the UW-Stout Police to report harassing phone calls made by a man she met on Facebook. The two became good friends as their online relationship flourished. The man admitted to the woman that he wanted to have a relationship with her, but she told him that she had a boyfriend. When the calls persisted, the woman told him to stop calling her and then contacted the police.

The officer spoke with the man and explained to him that the woman did not want him calling, e-mailing, or contacting her

anymore. The man stated that he would not contact her anymore.

We're living in an age of identity thefts

Dec. 18, 2007, 12:15 pm

In a string of identity thefts reported on the UW-Stout campus, another female reported someone in Texas had been making unauthorized charges to her HigherOne debit card. A total of almost \$3,000 was charged to her credit card and the charges are identical to those of other cases that have been reported to police agencies in the Dunn County area.

The unauthorized charges were made at gas stations in Austin and around the Austin, Texas area. There was also a record of the card being used at a Wal-Mart supercenter in Austin. The unauthorized transactions occurred on Dec. 13 and Dec. 14, 2007. The woman immediately canceled her card after she discovered the transactions.

Someone always has to ruin the party

Dec. 8, 2007, 5:00 pm

During the Hmong New Year Celebration in the Multipurpose Room of the Johnson Fieldhouse, a UW-Stout police officer was approached by an organizer of the event. The organizer requested a group of four people, two males and two females, be escorted out of the building due to some

threats that caused people to feel unsafe.

While the officer and the group of people were exiting the building, they passed 15-20 people, when pushing and shouting between the two groups started. The shouting was assumed to be in Hmong and the officer could not understand what was being said.

The officer managed to escort approximately a dozen people outside where another UW-Stout police officer responded as backup. All parties were asked to leave, and no other disturbances were reported during the duration of the celebration.

There is no such thing as a free lunch

Dec. 12, 2007 4:11 pm

An unauthorized solicitor entered a dorm room while the occupants of the room were taking an online final. The man offered them free sub and drink coupons for Erbert's and Gerbert's. The suspicious male also took photographs of their Stout IDs.

After the occupants of the dorm room spoke with a UW-Stout police officer, the officer discovered that the coupons were sponsored through a marketing group based in Chicago. The officer gave both subjects information on identity theft and encouraged them to get a copy of their credit history to ensure no illegal activity took place on their credit cards.

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Q&A with a Groundhog

Q: What's so special about Feb. 2?

A: Groundhog Day is a "cross-quarter" day, about halfway between the winter solstice in December and the vernal equinox in March and is celebrated in some cultures as the mid point of winter.

Q: What's the wake-up call?

A: Some scientists think hormonal responses to cyclic changes in production of melatonin, a sleep-related hormone, are the signal to wake up.

Q: How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

A: A wildlife biologist once measured the inside volume of a typical woodchuck burrow and estimated that, if wood filled the hole instead of dirt, we could chuck about 700 pounds' worth.

Kayak curious? | UW-Stout students take their education to the next level

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

University of Wisconsin-Stout students can learn all about kayaking this winter without ever leaving the pool. Tim Mertz, the Adventures Coordinator of University Recreation is holding several informational clinics this semester to familiarize new kayakers with the basics.

The Kayak roll clinic will teach participants how to save time and energy to avoid a rescue situation by rolling their kayaks. This is a two part class which will be both instruction and an opportunity to practice the skills discussed. "The clinic needs two days because in the first meeting, the kayaker must get oriented with a kayak," explains Mertz. "By the second meeting, they are more comfortable, and can usually roll it back up."

The roll clinic will be held on both February 19 and 21 and April 15 and 17.

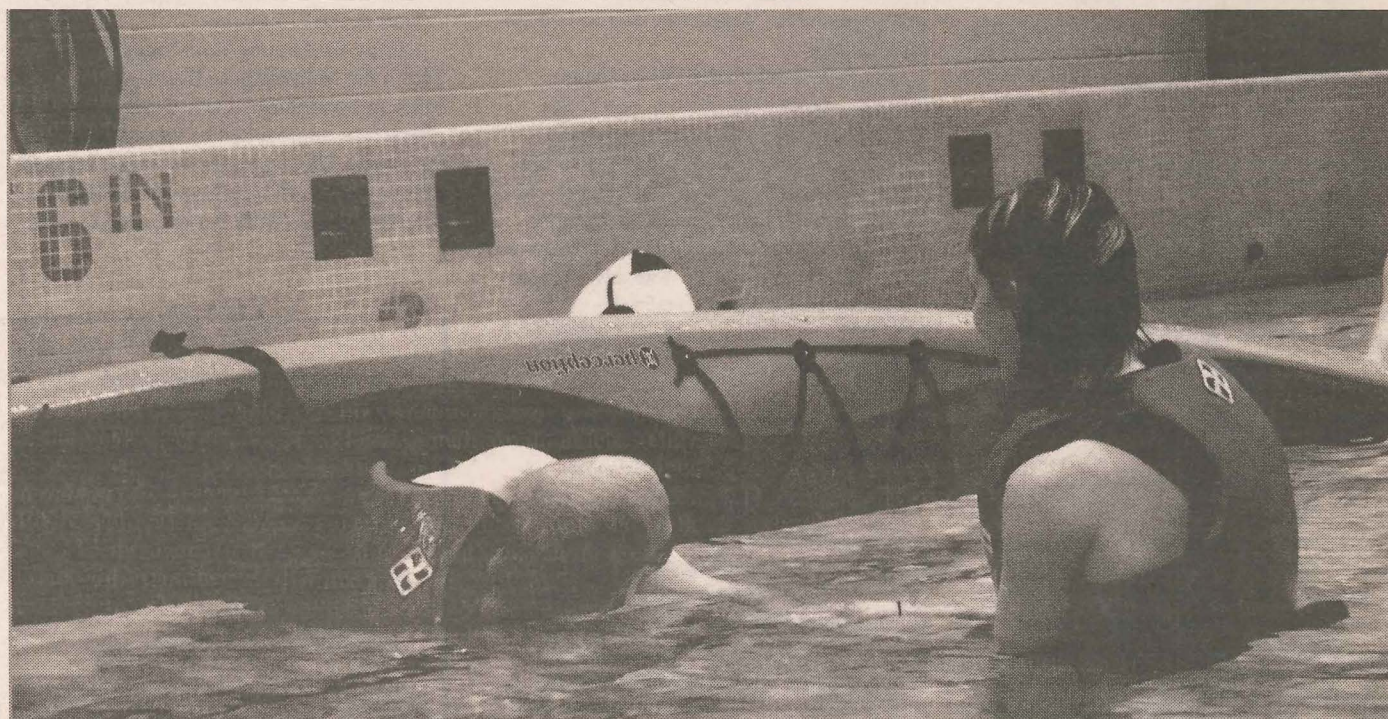
The second clinic will focus on deep water safety and teaches the fundamentals of safety and rescue. This course is required for any Stout Adventures sea kayak rental and will be held on March 11. The time for all sessions will be from 8-10 pm. Costs are \$20 per student or \$30 for members of the community.

Photos

Top Left: Mertz helps a participant with what he calls "ultimately, the most difficult but most important rescue technique a sea kayaker can have." Kayakers begin by becoming familiar with rolling their kayak over, and the technique of rolling it back up. "Don't push down on your hands..." he reminds the participants as they prepare to roll.

Top Right: A participant learns to lean against the wall, then use their body to lean back up before rolling the kayak fully over. "It's hard once you have flipped your kayak to get back in. If you can roll it back upright, it is much safer" notes Mertz.

Bottom: Two participants use each other to learn to push themselves up using their body, instead of pushing on the wall or water.



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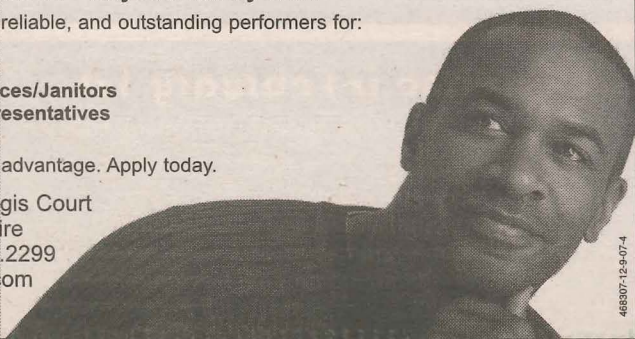
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WinTerm: a new way to look at school

Katie Kenner
Opinions Editor

Over the past three years I have taken Win-Term classes to speed graduation along. For anyone who hasn't taken Win-Term classes, they can be taken online or in a classroom setting. When in class, they run around four hours a day for two and a half weeks. After class one day, I got to thinking about my past grades in Winterm classes, which were all A's. I wondered why it was so much easier to get higher grades and realized I found it a lot easier to take one class at a time. While taking my Win-Term class I was able to concentrate on the class at hand without worrying about any other classes. Why don't we do this year round? Another student and I pondered this. Why couldn't we take one class for two to three weeks and then the next the same way? For fifteen credits of three credit classes a student would spend fifteen weeks in school. That equates to spring semester, which is fifteen weeks with spring break taken out.

Why would I propose this? Well, for one, grades. If I was able to concentrate much better on one class in three weeks wouldn't we all concentrate better? As students, we would be able to focus on that one class, be able to actually read the text

book and do the homework without feeling overwhelmed. When you are taking five three credit courses at a time, students often stretch themselves thin. I have found myself neglecting to read chapters in a textbook and skipping homework in one class just so I can cover my butt in another. Every semester I figure out the class I can slack the most in and the class I need to work the hardest in and distribute study/work time on that course as such. And before you jump to the conclusion, I do not party so I am not neglecting work for parties or socialization. I often wonder how the partiers and socialites get decent grades. They obviously are putting in less time than other people, unless these partiers and socialites don't sleep.

Many of you will say Win-Term classes are much more work and are too accelerated to be able to focus and learn. I disagree; I have learned more in my Winterm classes than I ever did in a regular semester class. Many Win-Term classes will cover three to four chapters in a few days, have a test, then move on and do the same for the next three to four chapters. It is all completely doable since you have no other classes to focus on. It is a nice feeling to go in taking that test knowing you are not going to try and answer the question with something you learned in Biology class ten minutes before. I find it

even easier to retain the information since you are in that class every day instead of the standard three times a week.

A good point to ponder is if school became like Win-Term classes, perhaps we would not learn to multitask as well. I think it is a good skill to know how to balance many things (classes) in your life, but don't we do this already? Students are constantly forced to balance a social life with work school and possibly a significant other or children. This happens regardless of taking five classes or one class at once. With a Win-Term, we are still balancing homework and studying with the same things we would in a regular term, just less of it.

A problem we might encounter with three week classes is the fact that some subjects are impossible to teach in that time period. Perhaps these classes could be extended to a six week period or to a longer block of time during those three weeks. One class that seemed it would be impossible to learn in three weeks was Accounting 207. However it came fairly easy. We would work on chapter 1 during the first two hours, take a break and then continue to chapter 2. The break that most of the teachers in Winterm provide is a great break to transition into another chapter. This problem has also been addressed by American River

College, an institution that changed from five to two days a week with longer hour classes. "You may have to reformat your class," Colleen Owings, vice president of instruction at American River College said, "You can imagine if you have labs, you must restructure. However, the instructional minutes are identical." That is true of Win-Term classes as well; if you add all the hours you are in class during those three weeks, it equates to the same amount of time that you would spend in a fifty-five minute class three times a week for the whole semester.

Some schools are already offering classes much like our Win-Term. While researching graduate study programs, I found at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire students take a four credit class per semester for the master of business administration program. Granted, these programs are shorter in length, 1-2 years, but I think this is a wonderful schedule. These classes are often offered this way for working students, but I think it is fair to say they are also offered this way so that students can have a higher concentration on that material. Why couldn't this be offered to undergraduate students in a similar form?

I'm sure the idea will never fly, but it is an interesting concept to ponder for undergraduate schools.

Relatives are annoying, but at least it is cold outside

Jed Williams
Staff Writer

Second semester is getting started now and everybody is back at school. No doubt many of you spent the bulk of winter vacation back at home with your family relatives and perhaps some significant others. Although it is nice to escape from the college scene and not have to worry about classes and homework for a while, for a lot of people winter vacation isn't as much of a vacation as they would like. The stress and anxiety that can be caused from being around certain relatives, or out of what had become the norm for many of us, can build up in no time at all.

With all of the other factors involved in

this time of year, many people would count the cold weather as part of their problems. I like to see it from another point of view, however. Don't get me wrong, I'm not a big fan of below-zero wind chills and having my face and hands go numb five steps out the door. There is one thing that I can enjoy at this time of year, though, no matter what happens. I'm talking about listening to the silence of a snowfall.

At any time, any place it snows, a person can step outside and see what is around them; this isn't what I'm talking about. To get a true idea of what I'm talking about, a person has to find a place where the sounds of the city cannot be heard. This is as easy

as going a few blocks into the middle of campus, or finding a nice remote house to go to that belongs to a friend or family member. Daytime allows for a nice view, especially in a heavy snowfall, but nighttime offers a surrealistic feeling that cannot be imitated. Either way, just take the time to walk around for a bit. Go to a nearby store or a sporting event.

Some people that hear about this say to me, "So what? If I want quiet I can just bury my head under a pillow in bed." That is exactly what I mean, you can find quiet almost anywhere you want it, but the overbearing silence of a heavy snowfall cannot be compared with anything. It isn't just quiet from the snow it is a feeling of everything

unwanted being shut out from your world. Nothing is there to draw your thoughts away from what is interesting. In my experience, there is nothing on earth that can come close to the overwhelming feeling of peace that I experience when surrounded by the miraculous absence of sound.

The next time you are cramming for a test, or dealing with somebody or something that cannot be reasoned with, take a look outside. Is it snowing? Go ahead and let yourself be drawn into the solitude and comforting feeling of peace and tranquility. If you have to deal with the cold, you may as well enjoy the few things it can offer for enjoyment.

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Spanking...a law...are we seriously back to this again?

Chris Zeck
Staff Writer

With all the truly important issues that our country is dealing with in our society and government: the war, our borders, hunger, poverty, wages, gas, just to name a few; we have again lost our way. Recently a debate has begun over the issue of spanking; Massachusetts wants to make it a law that a parent can't spank any child under the age of 18. This has been a continuing effort over the years by a very small minority of those in politics that has continued to fail and looks to do the same again. Now I am not a fan of spanking, I received a few in my day, but I never thought of it as abuse. I feel that Americans have something called common sense and there is a line between spanking and abuse, just like there is a line between showing affection and molestation.

You may or may not remember Maine's recent push to provide underage children

birth control: condoms, pills and the sort. It's illegal for a 13-year-old to have consensual sex, yet they say, "They're going to do it anyway." It's still illegal. Just because they do it anyway does not make it legal. So not only are they undermining their own laws, they are taking the power of parenting away from the parents. I don't know about you, but I would much rather my mom and dad say, "Here is a condom, be safe," rather than my teachers. Glenn Beck made a great statement: "The teachers say...well, they're going to have it anyway, so let me give them birth control, but shh, you don't have to tell your parents. It's just between us." The government is clearly overstepping its bounds. I am sure you would not find many to argue the government changing dirty diapers and putting kids back to sleep at two in the morning; but we all know that will never happen here. They are taking over our children and having them report everything that goes on at home, which is a good thing in some cases, but seriously, common people

have common sense. How many people don't know the difference from an occasional spank and child abuse?

The good news is that all the polls show an average of eight or nine to one is against this bill. The government clearly needs to wise up. Our power to act and speak is quickly disappearing. We allow our government to define marriage, we allow them to dictate how we raise our children, we allow them to say there is only one way to teach our youth and it's only their way, where is the line going to be drawn? In Europe there is a push to eliminate all home schooling. What is the point of that? If the child can't learn very well in a normal school-based system how could you deny them their right to knowledge? If parents can do it better than the state, what's to stop them from doing so? To make this whole issue even more unappealing than it already is, Jay Kaufman, the man trying to push this legislation through, was asked "Do you spank your kids?" His reply? "It's

none of your damn business." Exactly Jay, it's none of my business on how you raise your kids and it's none of yours how other average Americans raise their kids, unless, of course, you try to push this through, then every private child rearing activity should be open to public scrutiny and that includes your child rearing activities.

Not only is this issue an overreach of the government's powers, it is pointless. It is a waste of our time. We have many other important issues that we could focus on? Why don't we talk to the future leaders of our country and have them explain themselves and their proposals? How about trying to restore trust in the government? Those issues seem a lot more important than dictating how you can and cannot parent your child. All of this even negates the fact that this law, for all intents and purposes, is unenforceable and un-punishable until the parent crosses that line to abuse. So really, is it going to do any good at all? Maybe it's us as a society that needs to change.

letters to the



Dear Editor,

This is in response to Mr. Jugmann's letter in the Nov. 15 to Dec. 5 issue regarding the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at University of Wisconsin-Stout. I would like to thank him for his kind words and compliments about ROTC students. I would also like to set the record straight concerning ROTC at UW-Stout. The program is in its third year and it has exceeded all expectations. There are several reasons for this success including committed instructors, an exceptional student body and the support of the university faculty and staff. When Chancellor Sorenson made the decision to allow ROTC on campus he followed through on that decision as a professional. The department was welcomed and integrated into the university community. The actions of the chancellor and the rest of the UW-Stout community since ROTC has arrived have been both admirable and exemplary. It helps neither ROTC nor UW-Stout to keep bringing up the issue that has been resolved.

Lieutenant Colonel Scott Bolstad
Professor of Military Science

Dear Editor,

Last semester, Chancellor Charles Sorenson announced that University of Wisconsin-Stout was going green. The chancellor outlined several methods in accomplishing this noble goal. One was to use sustainable energy, such as biomass. Another was to encourage the UW-Stout community to recycle. There were actually a number of ideas discussed in recent Sustainable Development committees too numerous to mention here.

But there was one important element that was not discussed and this is the most important issue, in this writer's opinion, mass transit UW-Stout needs to follow the example of other universities in similar sized cities. In DeKalb, Illinois, Northern Illinois University runs a bus system (also available to general public). In Macomb, Ill., Western Ill University does the same.

The city of Menomonie is perfectly designed for a small bus system. There could be three fixed routes. All routes could start at the library turnaround. A northern route could serve the public library, the Shoppes on Broadway, Marketplace, Motel 6 (where one could catch the shuttles to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport), the strip mall, and Wal-Mart. An eastern route could serve the Human Services Department, the hospital, Chippewa Valley Tech and the Country Kitchen truck stop. Finally, a southern route

could serve the fairgrounds, Lamer's and the apartment complexes on the south side of town.

Also, besides local bus routes around Menomonie, there also needs to be a bus route that would connect Menomonie with Eau Claire which could serve points in between as Elk Mound, Chippewa Falls and Hallie before ultimately ending up in Eau Claire, with the final two stops between being the Downtown Transit Center and UW-Eau Claire. All routes should run relatively frequently and have long hours. A bus should be as convenient as a car to encourage riders.

Menomonie already does have the Doorstop, which is a demand-response service. But service is very limited, infrequent and sometimes, the drivers have a difficult time finding the passengers. Also, given the lack of pay phones in this city, a fixed-route system would make more sense.

Sustainable development is an admirable cause. However, officials should realize the mass transit should play a great role in the greening of communities. A recent study that was commissioned by the American Public Transportation Association showed that for each filled bus in smaller communities, it takes up to 15 cars off the road per hour. In larger cities, that number is higher. Public transportation causes less pollution and communities need to work to put affordable and convenient transportation in place.

Friendly tip from a Stout student

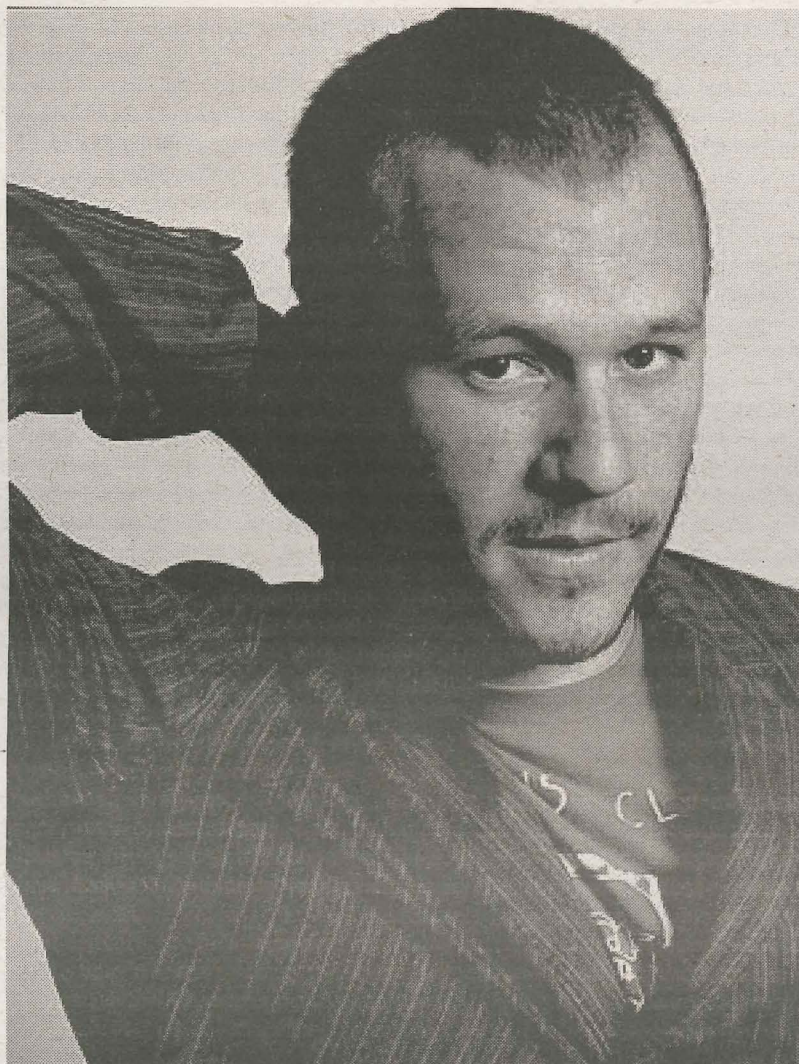
It is possible by the time you read this temperatures could be in the single digits. Students may dread a walk in that kind of cold, especially if they are coming from the Applied Arts Building to Harvey Hall. Thankfully, the way UW-Stout is designed, students would have to spend very little time walking outdoors, to make that trek.

The Applied Arts Building, Michaels Hall, and Jarvis Hall are all connected through interior hallways. Students need just follow the signs to Jarvis Hall. Then they can go across the walkway (outside) to the Student Center, walk straight across to the other exit and turn left, cross the street to McCalmont hall, take the elevator to the fourth floor and walk across the skyway to the Vocational Rehabilitation building. Go down to the first floor and walk across the short walkway to the Communication Technologies building. Take the elevator to the second floor and walk out the exit on the other side of the building and Harvey Hall can be seen from there.

Following the above directions, students will not be outside for longer than two or three minutes, despite the long walk. This is a good to stay warm on those long walks on those cold winter days!

Patrick Schiappa
University of Wisconsin-Stout student

A shining knight has passed: Another tale ended too soon



Source: people.com

Heath Ledger Filmography

(Title and year released)

The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (2009) (filming)	
The Dark Knight (2008) (post-production)	
I'm Not There. (2007)	The Four Feathers (2002)
Candy (2006)	Monster's Ball (2001)
Casanova (2005)	A Knight's Tale (2001)
Brokeback Mountain (2005)	The Patriot (2000)
The Brothers Grimm (2005)	Two Hands (1999)
Lords of Dogtown (2005)	10 Things I Hate About You (1999)
The Order (2003)	Paws (1997)
Ned Kelly (2003)	Blackrock (1997)
	Clowning Around (1992)

Source: www.imdb.com

Chris Moellering

Staff Writer

The entertainment industry suffered a great loss on Tuesday. Oscar nominated actor Heath Ledger was found dead in his New York apartment. Ledger was known for his roles in such movies as "Brokeback Mountain," "A Knight's Tale," "10 Things I Hate about You" and the upcoming "Batman." The 28-year-old Ledger left behind a two-year-old daughter, a loving family and millions of adoring fans.

The cause of Ledger's death is still unknown, and honestly, I don't care what the cause is. I only care that he is gone way too young. I am not someone who is obsessed with celebrities; in fact, I'm usually disgusted by people who spend their days buried in the Hollywood gossip columns. I do however get upset when I hear about people the same age as me, with a bright future, cut down in the prime of their lives.

What really burns me up is the way the media jump all over a story like Ledger's death, create their own conclusions before any facts are in and report on it until we want to take our own lives. I've been watching the news about

Ledger's death all day, and I am really sad for his family, because of all the stuff that is on the news. So far he has been called a cocaine user, a heroin addict, a tortured soul who would seek dark roles in movies. I even heard them say the role of The Joker may have pushed him to suicide. That's funny. I would have thought it was his role in "Brokeback Mountain" that made him suicidal, even though there was no evidence of suicide. Oh wait, there were pill bottles in his bedroom. He must have killed himself. Come on people! We all have pill bottles. If someone came into my house, they'd think I'm an addict. Let's be honest. We live in country where doctors prescribe pills for every little thing, and pretty soon you're turning your linen closet into a medicine cabinet.

I like how the entertainment media thinks everything found at the scene is a clue to

what happened. In Ledger's case, they found a rolled up twenty dollar bill. He must have been snorting coke through it, even though there wasn't any residue on it or any illegal drugs found on the premises. It must have been imaginary coke. If I was famous, I would fill my house with all sorts of weird stuff just to confuse the media just in case I happen to die. "Oh my god, what's that toaster doing in his bathroom? He must have wanted to die." Maybe I just like toast.

Another thing that really bugs me is that it is always the talented people that die. Has anyone else ever noticed that? The list of famous people who die too young is a long list filled with some of the most talented people in the world. Kurt Cobain, Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison, Buddy Holly, Stevie Ray Vaughn and Randy Rhodes were all great musicians. Their music changed the world. They touched millions of fans and then died. It saddens and confuses me. Why did they have to die, but people like Michael Bolton and Kenny G get to live forever? Then of course there are musicians like John Lennon and Dimebag Darrel. They were

so special, their very own fans killed them. Are you telling me Bon Jovi doesn't have at least one fan who is just a little tweaked

in the head and ready to fire a shot through the heart and take the blame?

The same goes for actors. Chris Farley, River Phoenix and John Belushi were young, talented and then dead. There are so many washed up actors out there clinging on with sitcoms that fail and movies that bomb. Why can't they die? Why does it have to be the ones that are young with big futures? I want to be clear. I am not calling for the death of untalented washups. I just want to know why they never seem to die.

We will probably never know the answer, and the only thing that is certain is that the world has lost another one. Maybe it was drugs. Maybe it was depression. Who cares? All that matters is there was another young man with a bright future, who filled many people with joy and then he died too soon.

Heath Andrew Ledger

Born: April 4, 1979 Perth, Australia

Deceased: January 22, 2008 Manhattan, New York

Survived by:

2-year-old daughter, Matilda Rose Ledger, parents Sally and Kim Ledger and 3 sisters Kate, Olivia, Ashleigh

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Bringing back Frost Fest

Stoutonia Staff

Throughout University of Wisconsin-Stout's history, students have found various ways to beat the winter blues. Ice fishing, skiing, skating and several other sports are all popular ways to break the monotony of winter.

In 1953, The Stout Student Association held its first Winter Carnival. It began slowly as an ice fishing tournament on Lake Menominee, but rapidly grew until it rivaled

homecoming in popularity. By its third year, the carnival was firmly established and had a plethora of activities for students to enjoy, including a beard growing contest, speed skating, a comedy act and broom-can hockey. The ice sculpting event became one of the most popular events, drawing recognition from not only students, but the community as well.

The carnival's popularity peaked in the late 1960s when the event grew from a one day ice fishing tournament to a full week of activities, complete with awards given for most participation points, beard growing and of course carnival royalty awards. Among the activities were the kissing salon, tricycle races, snowman building, pipe smoking and an ice cream licking contest. Internationally known artists were also invited to

play at the event and acts such as the Kids Next Door and the Serendipity Singers performed over the years.

The years following the '60s would be harder on the winter carnivals reputation and popularity. What began as a near beer drinking competition turned into what can be considered a full on drinking contest when the drinking age was lowered to 18 in 1972. While some student's overindulgence caused some problems and discomfort, overall the winter carnival was still fun and successful.

1973 was a different story however. At the end of the



2008 FROST FEST SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Jan 29

6-9 pm: Organization Fair in the Great Hall, MSC
-Battle of the Rock Bands Xbox Game Tournament
Free Food, Prizes, Games

Wednesday, Jan 30

6-11 pm: Dodgeball Tournament in the Fieldhouse

Thursday, Jan 31

8pm-12 am: Thursday Night out at the Underground
Prizes, Free Pool and Bowling, Free Food and Ice cream

Friday, Feb. 1

7:30 pm: UW-Stout Men's Hockey Vs. UW-Eau Claire at the Dunn County Recreation Park

Saturday, Feb. 2

11 am: Kickball Tournament at the Don and Nona Williams Stadium

Snow Sculpture on the South Lawn
Free Hot Chocolate and Apple Cider

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A blast from the past...in pictures! Winter Carnival's beginnings. From left to right- 1972-Karen Schoofs and Patti Barr struggle and tumble through the three-legged race 1963-The sawdust flies deep as two Stout men compete for the log sawing title. 1956-Phi Sigs and FOB's look for the puck at the hockey game.

For more information on how Snowfest has changed over the years, check out the archives at www.uwstout.edu/history/fta. You can also contact The University Archives directly at thoriek@uwstout.edu

from the frigid past



Vietnam War and the beginning of the Watergate scandal, the cynicism of the times was reflected in the ways students learned to express themselves. Two ice sculptures entered into the contest were considered to be very offensive. "Blue Moon" and "Kiss a Beaver Good Morning" were the sculptures in con-

cern. The overall view of Winter Carnival declined and saw less coverage by the Stoutonia and The Tower. After years of continual decline, Winter Carnival at UW-Stout was discontinued in 1984.

Stout's Involvement and Leadership Center has decided to resurrect Winter Car-

nival with the introduction of Frost Fest. The week long collection of fun and activities will begin on Jan 29 with the Organization Fair in the Great Hall. The Fair will be a great way to familiarize yourself with the various organizations on campus and will be accompanied by a "Rockband" Video Game Battle of the Bands competition as well as cotton candy, sno-cones, bean bag games and ring toss games.

Wednesday at 6p.m. is the dodgeball tournament in the Johnson Fieldhouse. Get your teams together and sign up at the Student Organization Center desk. Thursday's activities continue the fun of the week with free live music and ice cream in The Underground for Thursday Night Out. Friday night the UW-Stout Men's Hockey team hosts the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at the Dunn County Recreation Park, come out and show your school spirit to help Stout beat the Eau Claire Blu-Golds.

Saturday will be a full day of activities starting at 11 am, including a kickball tournament at the stadium and an ice sculpture contest in the south lawn of the Memorial Student Center. Snow and water will be hauled in to help create this year's creative and inof-

fensive sculptures that will be accompanied by free hot chocolate and cider. Come and enjoy free food, drinks and prizes all week for Frost Fest 2008 and lets all bring back a great UW-Stout tradition.

Winter Carnival queens

1953	Dorothy Brownell	1978	Mary "Lou" Rohrbach
1954	Avis Mertis	1979	?
1955	Alice Yamamoto	1980	Melanie Verson and Joan Lasky
1956	Ann Janda	1981	?
1957	Dorothy Grundmann	1982	Brigid O'Malley
1958	JoAnn Schoemer	1983	Darlene Groeschel
1959	Kathy Wigdahl	1984	Cathy Heili
1960	Mary Jane Ingraham		
1961	Mary Whelen		
1962	Diane Wenzler		
1963	Sharon Pecha		
1964	Linda Nyhus		
1965	Ginny Meloche		
1966	Joan Severson		
1967	Cindy Olson		
1968	Leslie Piller		
1969	Karen McChesney		
1970	Kay Schneider		
1971	Carlotta Shiffeld		
1972	Sue Nass		
1973	Patsy Scheibel		
1974	Lori Byom		
1975	Kelly Thompson		
1976	Molly Tovar		
1977	Colleen Rowe		



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Cathy Heili and Ron Wayne, CKTO were crowned Queen and King of "Mid-Winter Magic," the last Winter Carnival held at Stout.

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Sat, Jan 26, '08:

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- We The Living @ Stones Throw in EC 9pm \$4
- Dev Jana @ Stout Ale House 9:30pm FREE

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XBox 360 and PS3

- Jan 25: Burnout Paradise
- Feb 1: Kingdome Under Fire: Circle of Doom, NFL Tour

Wii

- Jan 25: Donkey Kong Jet Race
- Feb 2: Medal of Honor: Heroes

Movie Releases

Jan 25, '08:

- Rambo (R)
- Meet the Spartans (PG-13)
- How She Move (PG-13)
- Untraceable (R)

Feb 1, '08:

- The Eye (PG-13)
- Over Her Dead Body (NR)
- Strange Wilderness (R)

What to expect (you'll learn to like it)

Nathaniel Fellows

Staff Writer

The 2008 spring semester has begun and it is time to get back into the swing of things. Students and staff have new schedules that they need to get used to, and they also need to remember what life is like at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. There are also students that just transferred here and they could probably use some free advice.

Life at UW-Stout is not always Maui and steak dinners, it takes time to understand what the campus is all about. For example, the windiest place on campus usually is at the top of the hill between Bowman Hall and Harvey Hall. It is highly recommended that you avoid this area when the thermometer dips below 50 degrees Fahrenheit because it tends to catch a person off guard. When you're hung over (from staying up late and studying) the wind comes out of nowhere and sucker punches you directly in your feelings. When this happens, it tends to suck, not as bad as the Packers did in the NFC Championship Game, but pretty darn close.

Another handy and dandy piece of

information for life at UW-Stout are the urinal mints, (According to Wikipedia.org, a urinal mint is formally known as a urinal deodorizing block, which is placed in the bottom of a urinal, usually in a men's restroom. They are usually cylindrical, about eight centimeters in diameter, two centimeters thick, and weigh about one hundred grams when new.)

This shape is the source of their more informal name, as they somewhat resemble small blocks. They are generally pink in color, although other colors exist, such as green, blue and white. The urinal mint is also known as but not limited to: urinal puck, piss biscuit, urinal cake, dunny lolly (Australian), urinal block and toilet lolly) and don't taste minty at all.

This is an important piece of information because if you are walking to class and you see some nice-looking specimen that you would like to talk with and your mouth smells like a third armpit, don't think that a urinal mint is going to help. Go find one of the many snack stands on campus and buy some gum.

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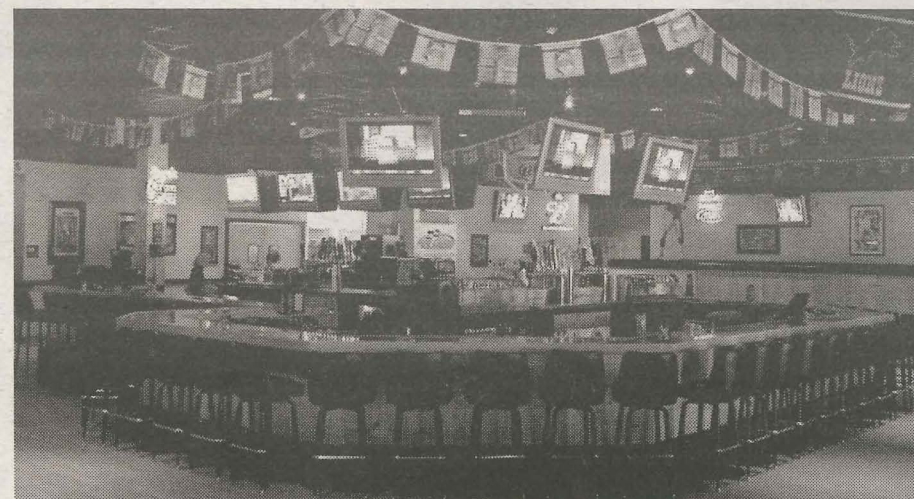
This may be part of the reason why there are many bars located within walking distance to campus. If you have a class in Harvey Hall then The Silver Dollar Saloon, a.k.a. The Buck is the closest drinking establishment to your class. If your class is on the second floor of Harvey Hall you can make it there in about two minutes, and that is walking normal while waiting for traffic.

Although UW-Stout is a fun learning environment, there are rules that are implemented for everyone's safety. You can't smoke in class, even if it is cigarettes, but you can chew tobacco. You shouldn't drink anything but water in class unless you are taking Wines and Spirits. You should put money in the parking meter unless you're going to be on campus all day because a parking ticket is usually cheaper. You probably shouldn't burn any crosses but burning lower case T's should be just fine.

Life at UW-Stout can be enjoyable but it is all up to you to make it happen. Show up to class in your pajamas; if you don't wear pajamas then don't show up.

Remember: It's your world; we're just living in it.

Menomonie venue hosts garage bands



Evan Theurer/Stoutonia

Andy Hahn

Staff Writer

The Stout Ale House continues its winter musical lineup with Dev Jana and Vertigo Joe scheduled to play Jan. 26 and Feb. 23, respectively. Each performance offers a different listening experience, sure to make the pickiest of audiences happy.

Dev Jana is a solo artist from Minneapolis who uses a looping pedal to create melodies used in his songs. These melodies are easily appreciated and provide simple listening. A self described "loopy six string solo architect," Dev Jana's genre can be described as acoustic funk with a hint of Carlos Santa.

Jana also tries to pay homage to Kurt Cobain through his guitar playing and more specifically towards Nirvana's Unplugged performance. To best experience this blend,

you can download his latest CD, "sOundtrack tO rEcent hIstory vEr 1.1" from devjana.com. More information can also be found at myspace.com/devjana.

Vertigo Joe is a three-piece band also hailing from Minneapolis. A mix of the rock, indie and alternative genre Vertigo Joe will appeal to those familiar with the Foo Fighters, Finger Eleven and Incubus.

The band's Web site vertigojoe.com proclaims that the band is about "sex, salvation, life, love, lust and purpose."

While that is certainly an all-encompassing claim, you will certainly find yourself tapping your foot along with the beats. Download their 2005 release "UP" from Ruckus for a free listen, or check them out at myspace.com/vertigojoe.

For more information about the Stout Ale House and additional musical acts, visit stoutalehouse.com.

Ruckus Weekly Top Ten

Hooray! Students are actually using this nifty little program that the university worked so hard to give us in order to combat illegal mp3 pirating.

It's time to see what UW-Stout students are listening to. Here are the top ten most-downloaded songs from Ruckus for the past week.

1. "Apologize" - Timbaland
2. "Low" - Flo Rida feat. T-Pain
3. "Bubbly" - Colbie Caillat
4. "Love Song" - Sara Bareilles
5. "Kiss kiss" - Chris Brown
6. "Stronger" - Kanye West
7. "Sweetest Girl" - Wyclef Jean feat. Akon
8. "The Way I Are" - Timbaland
9. "With You" - Chris Brown
10. "Crank That" - Soulja Boy

Ruckus is a free ad-supported music and media download service built specifically for college students. The service provides unlimited download access to a library of more than 3 million high-fidelity songs including all of the major labels and thousands of indies with new music added every week.

Wine and Food Pairing has successful experience in Spain

Andy Hahn
Staff Writer

My three past WinTerms at the University of Wisconsin-Stout have been nothing to get excited about. Typically they have included taking a course to catch up credits missed during freshman year or catching up on bills encountered during the same time.

This WinTerm, however, I set out to find an alternative to the bland winter break. I wanted to go someplace warm, and perhaps even earn some credits while at it. What I found was the study abroad Wine and Food Pairing course in Mallorca, Spain. Better yet, I would not be alone in my travels as 20 other UW-Stout students would be coming along as well.

Emily Baugus, a senior in hospitality and tourism had this to say about deciding to take the course: "I have always wanted to go to Europe but was too scared to go alone. It was a chance for me to get my feet wet. That and I love food and wine!"

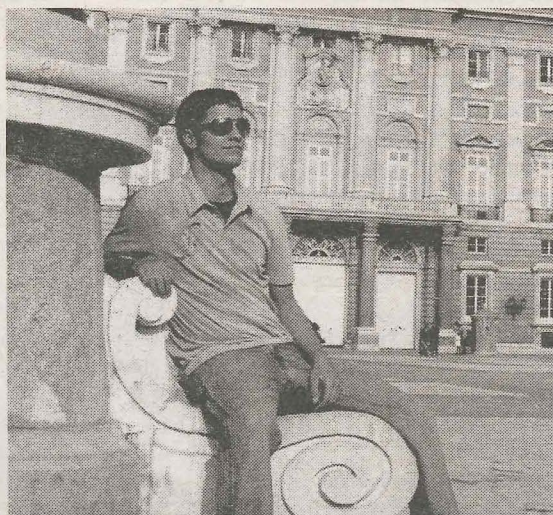
Our arrival in Mallorca, an island off the coast of Spain, began months ago, starting with the Wine and Spirits course, which we took in fall 2007. When signing up for the course, most knew little of what to expect beyond that we would be able to taste wine in class. We quickly realized professor Peter D'Souza had much more knowledge about wine than he was able to share in one semester.

Before leaving for Spain, there was business to take care of. We had to obtain or renew passports, clear all the paperwork with the International Office and meet with the 20 other students who would be taking Wine and Food Pairing in Mallorca.

Anxiously we sat through meetings to get us oriented with the course and expectations, and afterwards we met in groups to divvy up group assignments and responsibilities. We could not predict the magnitude that this trip was about to have on our lives, nor the friendships we eventually would make.

We embarked on the first leg of the course, Madrid, on Jan. 2. We spent three days touring the city and adapting to the Spanish culture. One of the first things we fell in love with was the siesta, the traditional afternoon nap. While everyone embraced siestas on the trip, the language barrier made everyday tasks extraordinary. Combine this with the fact that many American and Spanish mannerisms are very different and many awkward encounters were unavoidable.

However, these moments were fleeting since the beautiful surroundings quickly came back into focus. Favorite group locations in Madrid were a museum called the Prado, a tourist attraction called the



Andy Hahn/Stoutonia
Andy Hahn lookin' cool outside of the Royal Palace, a cool place to visit in Madrid, Spain.

Royal Palace, and a nightclub called El Capital.

When asked about his favorite memory of the trip, Jared Sutliff, BFA multimedia design December '07, said, "The whole trip was my best memory, being able to experience a new culture, lifestyle, people, food and wine has made the trip more than I could ever have imagined."

After the short stay in Madrid, we took off for the island of Mallorca. This is where our next two weeks were spent studying wine and cultivating friendships. After a day of exploring the island on our own, the class visited two local vineyards. Our favorite stop was at Vins Miguel Gelabert vineyard. Gelabert showed us just how hospitable Spaniards are as he had us taste nine of his wines and brought out plate after plate of homemade Mallorcan cuisine. Here is where most of us purchased the wine we brought home.

The next few days were spent at the University of the Balearic Islands studying wine and food. Being the ninth year of the course, we thought the Spanish students would be used to seeing this class come every year, but we were proved wrong. Upon entry we were immediately greeted with blank stares, almost as if to say, "Who let all these Americans in?"

The first few days at the university were spent learning Spanish wines and how they work with food. Each morning we would wash our glassware, set up our tastings and pour the first round. D'Souza

would lecture about the day's wine and then we would consume those wines with food prepared by UIB students and teacher assistant Justin Lueben.

However, all of this would not have been possible without the help of Alan Norte Leeks. Norte Leeks was hired to help our class with translation and help guide us in the kitchen. While he excelled in that capacity, he succeeded in doing something much more important: He became a dear friend to each of us.

The last two days of lecture came from Tolo Hernandez, a professor at UIB and is essentially the Spanish reflection of our own Professor D'Souza. Hernandez also was a huge asset to the class's success. Fervently working in front and behind the scenes to make sure each day ran smoothly, it was obvious that he shared our passion for wine.

Our final assignment at UIB was to cook a four course meal paired with wines assigned by

D'Souza. The class was divided into four groups before we left the States, and we had been working on these meals since early December.

This is where months of preparation kicked in and instinct took over. Norte Leeks and Lueben were tremendous help to all the groups as ingredients had to change on the fly and recipes changed last minute.

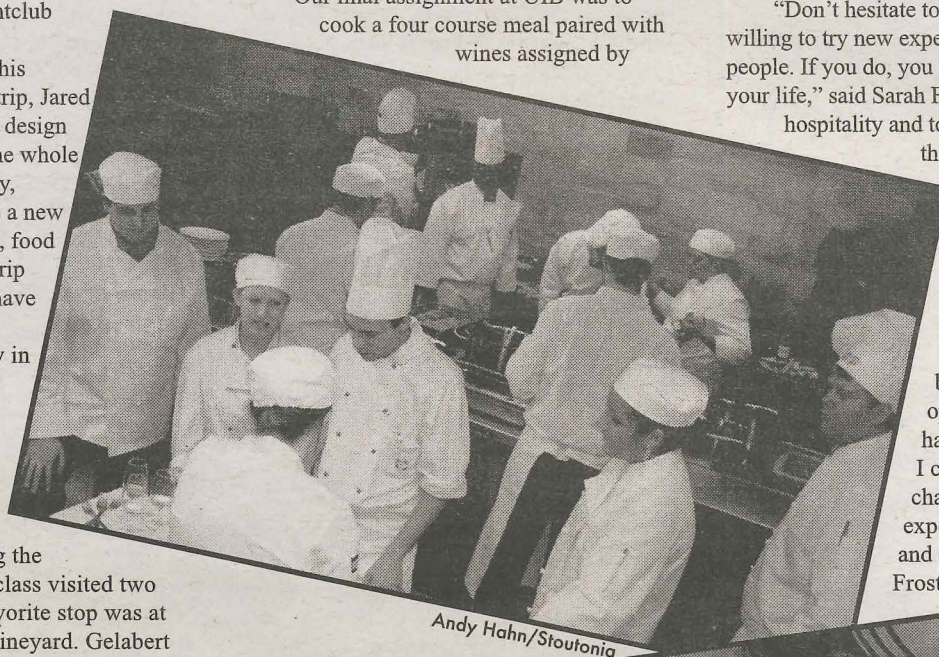
Each group was supported by the other three groups and worked together to set up the dining room, serve the wine and food and finally taking care of clean up.

Our time in Mallorca ended with a graduation ceremony at a Sol Melia hotel in Palma de Mallorca. With cava (Spanish sparkling wine) in hand, we mingled and reminisced about the last two weeks. It was an emotional event, culminating with each student receiving a diploma for the course and many hugs exchanged.

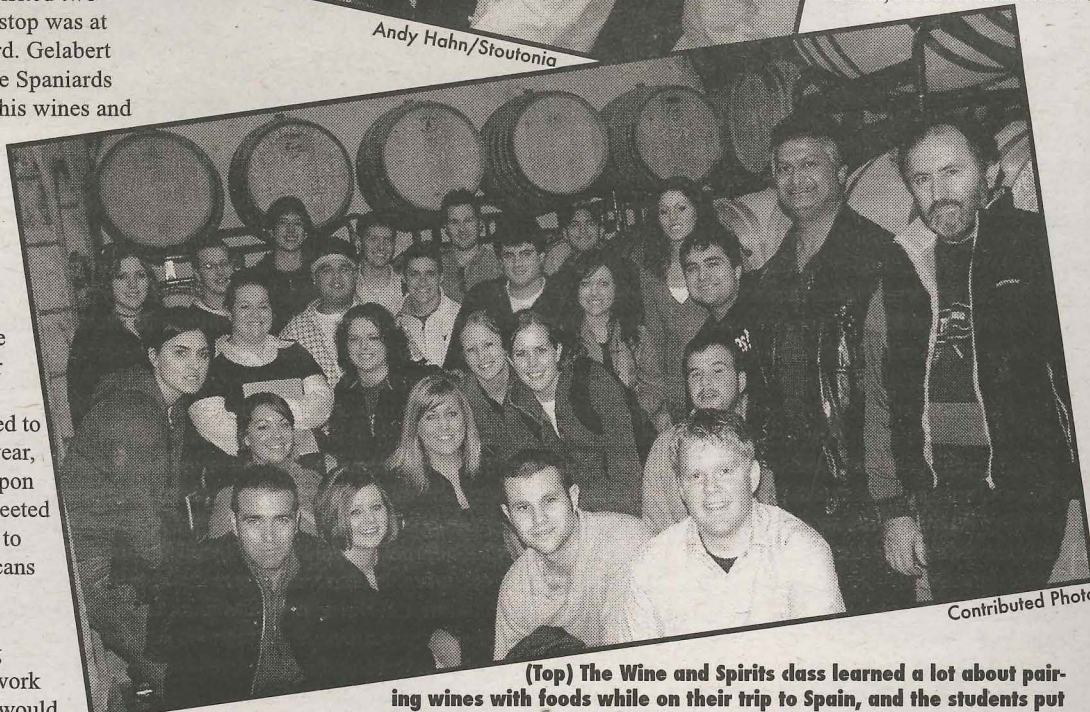
"Don't hesitate to go. Be open and willing to try new experiences and meet new people. If you do, you will have the time of your life," said Sarah Foegen, a senior in hospitality and tourism who went on the trip.

It was indeed the WinTerm of a lifetime, and all who went would agree.

"Studying abroad is one of the best life-changing opportunities students have while in school. I couldn't pass up a chance to travel and experience a new culture and lifestyle," said Heather Frost, a senior in dietetics.



Andy Hahn/Stoutonia



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(Top) The Wine and Spirits class learned a lot about pairing wines with foods while on their trip to Spain, and the students put their knowledge to use as they cooked in kitchens around Mallorca. (Bottom) Most of the students posing at the wine cellar Vins Miguel Gelabert, where the group tasted wines and learned about where they came from and how they are made.

Fascist pigs and helpless sheep Classics never die and neither does freedom

Elena Griggs
Staff Writer

After returning back to campus and assuming the role of a student again, it's difficult to squeeze in a little extra time just for yourself. With all of the projects, papers and tests to finish, the thought of taking the time to sit down and read a good book might be unimaginable. However, taking just a little time out of your busy schedule to read the book "Animal Farm" by George Orwell will be a rewarding experience and time well spent.

Unlike many other books that can be long winded with very few climactic scenes, "Animal Farm" is a quick read.

It instantly draws you in with a diverse set of characters that are constantly encountering unique and interesting situations.

The entire story surrounds a group of farm animals that decide

to rebel against their master, the drunk and incompetent Mr. Jones.

Early on in the novel the farm animals unite and forge a plan to overthrow their terrible master. After chasing off Mr. Jones, the brotherhood of farm animals begin working together for the creation of a utopian society where every animal is considered equal.

Pigs Napoleon and Snowball just so happen to be the most intelligent and outspoken animals on the farm, and they assume leadership positions where they begin to tell the less intelligent farm animals what to do.

The management of the farm slowly takes a turn for the worst when the pigs become lazy and corrupt. They eventually learn how to rule with fear.

In many respects this book is very similar to "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley in that each animal is born into a specific intellectual caste depending on whether or not they are a pig, horse, sheep, etc.

In a sad and ironic twist the pleasant society that every farm animal had

once hoped for becomes nothing more than an impossible dream. There is also much irony in the fact that the pigs eventually become more and more like the very thing that they originally despised: humans.

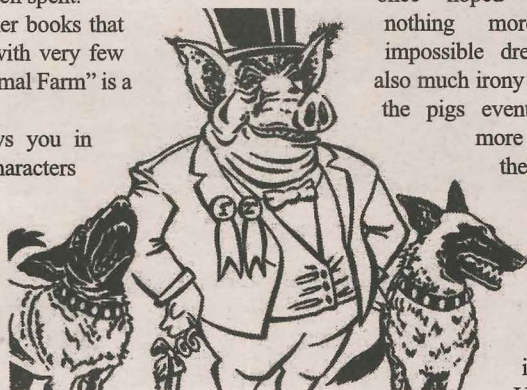
A rebellion, of course, is at hand.

Unfortunately, most readers will

probably agree that the majority of the farm animals are either too ignorant or afraid to overthrow the fascist pigs of the farm.

In the end, this story clearly points out how easy it is for a group of individuals to maintain power and control over those who are weak, ignorant, and unwilling to question or challenge the status quo.

For anyone who is interested in a "fairy tale" story that reflects various social and political issues, this is a book that will capture your attention through and through.



Elena Griggs/Stoutonia

Stoutonia spotlight: the scoop on Miss Kitty

Nathaniel Fellows Staff Writer
AJ Forst Chief Copy Editor

Amanda J. Katz (C-a-t-s)- a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, majoring in technical communication, with an applied field of international technical communication, secretary for the Society for Technical Communication, writer and former copy editor for the Stoutonia and an Aquarius is in the Stoutonia Spotlight.

Amanda J. Katz grew up in Woodbury, Minn. She has three grandmas, two siblings, two whole parents and a dog named Chompy. Her parents called her "Duh" as a child because they couldn't call her "A man."

She enjoys sporting, especially watching hockey and the occasional football game. When asked if she thinks Brett Favre could suck-start the space shuttle, she promptly, after much deliberation, said, "Probably not."

In bowling she quite often gets the splits.

Does Miss Katz prefer K-fed or Britney?

"Britney because K-fed is gross," she said. "Have you ever heard him rap?"

After asking her if she had seen Britney's tabloid pictures online, the conversation turned to her favorite Web site, which happens to be Facebook.

The Katz has never peed in the shower. "I pee before I shower," claimed the Katz.

Katz does not go to church and has never been confirmed, even though she was informed there's a ton of cash involved. Similarly, she liked the movie "Juno" which is about a pregnant teenager.

Since she is a senior, she will be graduating in May 2008 unless she can't afford any more batteries for her Speak 'n' Spell. Once she receives her degree she has big plans, because, like Martin Luther King

"Guitar Hero's" mutant little brother

Brian Muller
Staff Writer

The average college student generally knows about or has played the video game "Guitar Hero."

It's hard to find even a dorm floor that doesn't have a "Guitar Hero" room: rockers taking turns showing off their skills on their console of choice.

Eventually, every song in the set list had been played so often that rockers only stick to their individual favorites. Even a pseudo-rockstar needs new material when playing songs.

This is where "Rock Band" comes in. A new rhythm game from the original "Guitar Hero" developer, "Rock Band" takes the player in the role of not only the guitarist, but also the drummer and singer.

The entire set comes with a brand new guitar, the "Stratocaster" featuring two sets of frets and a softer strum bar for faster strumming.

The drum set comes with four pads, a bass pedal and actual drumsticks. For the singer, there's also an included microphone.

Unfortunately, the price can be intimidating to the poorer consumer. The above three instruments and the disc retail at \$169.99.

However, Xbox 360 rockers can use either their Les Paul from "Guitar Hero III" or Xplorer from "Guitar Hero II" to play "Rock Band."

These guitars don't have the second set of frets included on the Stratocaster, but the game can be played normally without them.

Unfortunately for Playstation 3 rockers, their Les Paul currently does not work with "Rock Band."

"Rock Band" handles gameplay for each instrument separately. Guitars work almost identical to how they are played in "Guitar Hero."

There are five sets of frets with notes falling towards the bottom. By holding the correct frets and strumming as the notes hit the bottom, the guitar parts are played without any nasty screw-ups.

Drummers have similar falling notes, although there is also a base line that must be hit with the bass pedal. Singers must simply match the pitch of their words with the words on screen to rack up their score.

Star Power has been changed to Overdrive, which adds a 2x multiplier and keeps each rocker from failing out. If playing with multiple players and one does drop out, Overdrive can be used to put them back in the song.

Other than the actual gameplay, "Rock Band" differs from "Guitar Hero" quite a bit. Instead of selecting pre-existing rockers to perform, "Rock Band" features a creation system that lets the player style their rocker in their own image.

After playing songs and earning cash, clothing and accessories can be purchased to customize their rocker even more.

"Rock Band" also supports a full solo career for each instrument, as well as a Band World Tour for the entire band to play through.

If that's not enough, there's online co-op and versus modes for all the instruments.

"Rock Band" is definitely a great choice for those who want to expand their ability to rock. And if the included setlist isn't enough, the developer has promised new songs once every week.

Since "Rock Band" has released in November, they have delivered on their promise. So get out there and continue to rock!

Jr., she also has a dream. But it isn't for world peace because, "world peace is boring."

Her favorite restaurant is Subway. If one were to take her out to this establishment, she would be thoroughly impressed if her date were to order her a turkey and American cheese sub on wheat with mustard, lettuce, pickles and banana peppers. She likes a hearty six-incher.

She hopes to move out of her parents' house and live in a doublewide so she can follow the carnival in hopes of meeting her future husband. She dreams of marrying a handyman like the man who greases the wheel bearings on the Tilt-A-Whirl.

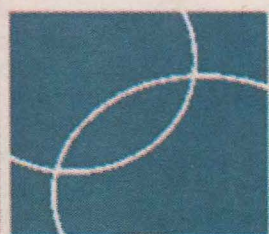
She wants three kids: a boy, a girl, then a boy, but she would settle for a couple of cats. She plans on getting pregnant at 28-years-old, and likes Al Gore, "because he cares about global warming."

Amanda J. Katz will change the world.

She has always been a pioneer. She will graduate at the precocious age of 23, or 161 in Katz years. To sum up, sh... (attempt at clever ending removed due to contract dispute).



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Starting the year (and day) off right

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

As the food and diet industries progress, the importance of breakfast is one dietary belief that has remained unchallenged and unchanged despite all fads and crazes. The fact of the matter is that breakfast has benefits far beyond what many people fail to consider.

As for college students, neglecting breakfast is practically a way of life. One less meal could equal up to half an hour of extra sleep, fewer dishes and less money spent on groceries. As appetizing as these "benefits" seem, the truth is skipping breakfast may be as detrimental as skipping class. Point being, it often presents itself as an easy habit, but in the end it will leave an individual starved of more than just food.

Cap'n Crunch and So Much More

Cereal is one of the most-known and popular breakfast foods. With a limitless variety, college students may find cereal a suitable breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Do be careful. Like many other foods, certain cereals may be full of sugary goodness. While this may taste good pre-8 a.m. class, the fact is that sugary cereals offer little more than a quick fill, a minor energy boost and then leave one feeling like Cap'n Crunch

abandoning ship.

Cereals boasting whole grains and fiber are a healthier, wiser breakfast choice that will provide a more filling effect and lasting energy. If cold cereal isn't a pleasant idea, try it with warm milk or switch to hot cereals such as oatmeal or creamed wheat. Though these warmed cereals are notorious for bland taste, sweeteners such as a low calorie sugar substitute or maple syrup provide a light taste without sending blood sugar through the roof.

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But by noon I'm ready to eat my text book!

If the above statement is all too reminiscent of what an early breakfast brings just

hours later, consider options beyond cereal. High protein breakfasts, such as eggs, peanut butter and certain breakfast meats offer plenty of energy and a lasting feeling of fullness that will provide more brain power than a Pop-Tart on steroids.

Whole grains

Whole grains are another great way to start the day. Susan Gilbert of ivillage.com offers many recommendations for those considering whole grain breakfast choices:

Look at the list of ingredients.

"Whole Grain" implies less processing and less added sugar. Is the cereal fortified with a variety of vitamins and minerals?

Variety is key.

Mix handfuls of three different cold cereals together for a completely new taste.

Avoid so-called "breakfast bars."

"Usually the first ingredient in a bar is sugar, followed closely by refined flour," said Gilbert.

"Instead, opt for whole grain toast, bagels or English muffins. Top with peanut butter, jam or even cottage cheese sprinkled with cinnamon."

I may rise, but I refuse to shine.

After late nights and intense studying, sleep is not the only refueling the body needs. Breakfast provides nourishment to get the brain and metabolism working. Though the morning sun can bring about grouchiness and the strong desire to run and hide, take the extra five minutes breakfast requires and do both the mind and body some good.

Reasons to eat breakfast:

"A simple breakfast of cereal, milk and fruit often provides the greatest amounts of calcium, B6, riboflavin, folate and iron," said Gilbert.

Eating breakfast improves test scores, alertness, creativity and concentration. An overall improvement in ability to perform in an office/work environment.

You don't expect your car to run without fuel, so why expect your body to?

It's easier than opening a can of [insert favorite beverage here]

Breakfast does not have to be complex. After all, morning will always be morning; no one can expect culinary miracles at pre-noon hours. However, moving beyond cereal is just as easy as eating cereal itself.

Ideas for high protein, high fuel breakfasts:

Fresh berries taste great on a host of cold cereals.

Melon mixed with oatmeal is a real treat.

Make fruit salad for dinner, and eat the leftovers for breakfast, mixed with yogurt and low-fat granola.

Make a "pizza" from leftover or frozen pancakes or waffles. Top with yogurt, add cut-up fruit and a drizzle of maple syrup.

Foods containing protein add additional punch to breakfast. They also keep our hunger satisfied longer and make breakfast a complete meal.

Dairy products such as milk and yogurt are excellent sources of protein.

Top a whole-grain English muffin with an egg (fried in a non-stick skillet with cooking spray) and a slice of low-fat cheese.

Instead of high-fat sausage or bacon, try Canadian bacon. It has far less fat than regular bacon, with a wonderful taste.

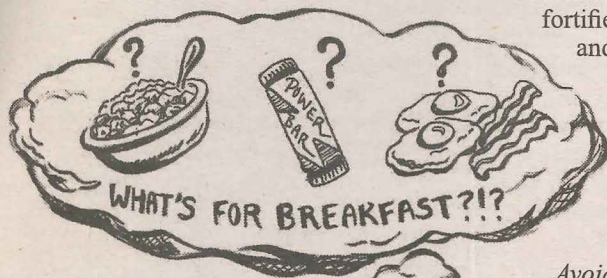
Many people like egg substitutes. Make them into omelets filled with vegetables. Scramble with bits of Canadian bacon. Try them in French toast!

Eat leftover rice mixed with vegetables and small bits of chicken.

A turkey sandwich with a glass of milk and a piece of fruit is a great breakfast.

Leftover pizza, if you go easy on the high-fat toppings, can be a complete breakfast meal.

If you don't like cereal, eat what you like, but make sure you aim to eat in the morning.



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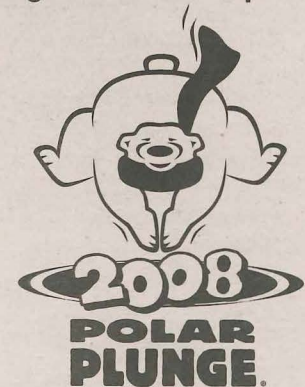
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Women's basketball drops to fourth in WIAC

By Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

After losing to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Jan. 19 with a score of 72-93, the University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils dropped to fourth in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

At halftime the Warhawks led UW-Stout by four points, 44-40. With five minutes left in the second half of the game, UW-Whitewater gained a 12 point lead and never let the Blue Devils get within ten points. Stout point leaders were senior Joanna Bird with 13 points, 11 of which were scored in the first half, senior Lindsey Geissler added in 11 points and sophomore Julia Hirssig ended with ten points. This game gave the Blue Devils a 4-3 record in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and a 10-6 record overall.

The Blue Devils were defeated by the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Jan. 16 with a score of 68-85. While UW-Stout led for the majority of the game, it couldn't keep the momentum going to win the game. Before halftime, UW-Stout held at most a seven-point lead, but at halftime the lead was cut down to five, 41-36.

With 14:45 left in the game, UW-Stevens Point took the lead and kept that lead throughout the rest of the game. In the second half Stout had a 30.8 shooting percentage. Hirssig led the way in scoring with 18 points and had 12 rebounds. Geissler and junior Charlee Edwards both ended with ten points.

Hirssig hit the game-winning shot at the buzzer when UW-Stout played the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on Jan. 12 with a score of 71-70. After committing a foul that led to a three-point play by the Eagles' Mackenzie Hunter, Hirssig received a pass from Geissler with seven seconds left in the game to make the game winning layup.

The game started with UW-La Crosse jumping to a 6-29 lead. With six minutes and five seconds left in the first half, the Blue Devils went on an 11-0 run and by half time were within seven with a score of 25-32. With thirteen minutes left in the half, UW-Stout finally took the lead with Geissler hit a couple of free throws to put the Blue Devils up 42-41. Stout would lead by as much as eight points. During the first half UW-Stout shot 29.6 percent from the field and in the second half made a significant improvement by shooting 59.3 percent. Edwards led UW-Stout with 15 points, nine of which came in the second half. Geissler chipped in 13 and Hirssig added 12.

UW-Stout had a commanding victory against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Pioneers with a score of 80-68 on Jan. 5. Head coach Mark Thomas benched the Blue Devils starting five after the first three minutes of the game, where the majority of them remained for the half. After replacing the starting five, UW-Stout took the lead at halftime with a score of 38-33. Sophomore Danielle DeWitt and freshman Shelby Churchill both added seven points in the first half. After halftime, UW-Stout built the lead to seven before Platteville answered back to

tie the score at 50 after three UW-Platteville players hit 3-point shots. With seven minutes left in the game, UW-Platteville extended the lead to 64-57. Then junior Dani Boese hit a three point shot and Hirssig hit two free throws to put UW-Stout within one point with six minutes left. After Geissler hit two free throws to put UW-Stout up by one point, the Blue Devils were ahead the rest of the game.

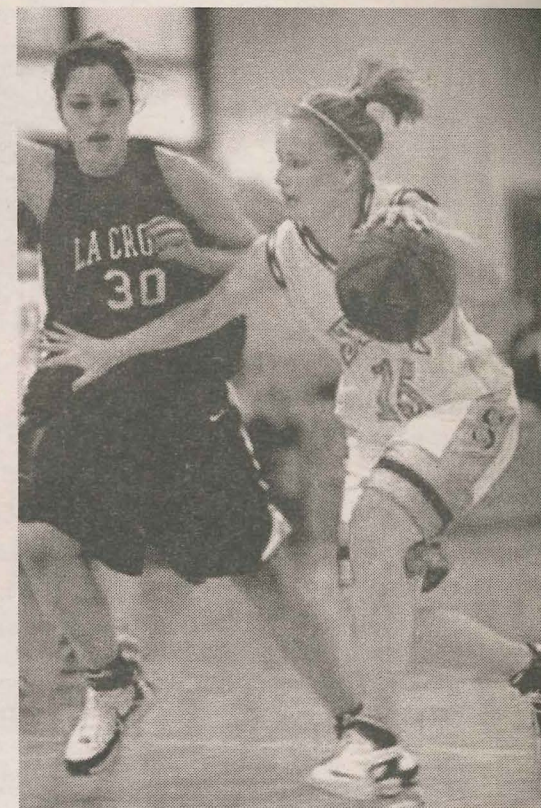
Hirssig had 15 points in the second half alone, hitting seven free throws. She also added in 11 rebounds, nine of which were in the second half. Boese added in nine points and seven rebounds. DeWitt chipped in seven points. UW-Stout led in rebounds 47-35.

The team traveled to Daytona Beach, Fla. over holiday break to play in the Land of Magic Classic Tournament on Dec. 28 and 30. In the first day of the tournament, the Blue Devils started out a little slow, but by the end of the first half had an 18 point lead, 44-20, against the State University of New York-Oswego. In the second half both the offense and defense exploded as the Blue Devils outscored the Lakers 45-18. Leading the way in scoring for both teams was Hirssig with 16 points, who was eight for eight from the field. Edwards added in 11 points and five steals and Bird had seven assists. All but one member of the Blue Devils squad added in points. The team shot 55.6 percent from the field.

On the second day of the tournament UW-Stout played Immaculata College from Pennsylvania and defeated them with a score of 85-39. UW-Stout had a 50-16 halftime lead. Boese led both teams in scoring with 14 points, 12 of which came in the first half. DeWitt had 13 points, seven in the first half and ten rebounds. The Blue Devils also out rebounded Immaculata College 63-28.

UW-Stout played Finlandia University at home on Dec. 11 defeating them 103-45. Five minutes into the game the Blue Devils had an 11 point lead. All active members on the roster made their way into the game, playing at least seven minutes. By halftime UW-Stout had a 58-18 lead. Four Blue Devils had double-doubles. DeWitt had 11 points, Boese also had 11 points and shot 50 percent from the field, Hirssig and sophomore Kim Stokke added in 10 points apiece. Churchill led the way in rebounds with eight and Hirssig added in seven rebounds.

During the Dec. 8 matchup against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the Blue Devils held the Titans scoreless for over nine minutes in the game. Midway through the first half UW-Oshkosh had a 19-16 lead until UW-Stout tightened up



Contributed photo by Layne Pitt
UW-Stout's junior Lindsey Gerber drives to the rim against UW-La Crosse. Gerber was one for four from the floor, finishing the game with three points.

their defense and took a 28-19 lead with a minute and 26 seconds left in the half. Then Geissler and Bird both made back-to-back three point shots, Hirssig added in a shot, Geissler made a lay-up and sophomore Megan Maslowski added a layup that gave UW-Stout a 12-0 run and put UW-Stout in the lead 28-23 at halftime.

The Blue Devils ended the game with a 64-51 score. Hirssig had 16 points, 10 of which came in the second half. Geissler had 13 points, eight coming in the second half. Bird added in ten points.

The Blue Devils defeated the University of Wisconsin-River Falls with a score of 67-66 on Dec. 5. Midway through the first half Stout led 25-2. By halftime the Falcons fought back to pull within 14. UW-River Falls kept the momentum going after halftime to tie the Blue Devils at 48 midway through the second half, eventually leading by six with a minute left in the game.

With 12 seconds left in the game, the Falcons were leading by two but missed two free throws to pull ahead further. UW-Stout called a timeout with five seconds left and then found Geissler to make the game winning shot. Hirssig ended with 11 points and Edwards finished with 11 points. Geissler added in five points.

UW-Stout hosted the University of Wisconsin-Superior on Jan. 23. The Blue Devils will play at UW-Platteville on Jan. 26 and will host UW-Oshkosh on Feb. 2.



Julia Hirssig

This five-foot-eleven-inch sophomore from Rochester, Minn. is a hotel, restaurant and tourism management major. As a freshman Hirssig was named Rookie of the Year and shared the 6th Player award. Second in the record books for best field goal percentage in a single season with .594.



In her spare time, Julia enjoys playing basketball, soccer, volleyball, going to church and engaging in family activities.

The Blue Devil women's basketball team defeated UW-La Crosse on Saturday Jan. 12th thanks to a game-winning shot by Hirssig at the buzzer, winning 71-70. Moments after committing a foul which ultimately led to a three point play by the Eagles, Hirssig grabbed a pass from UW-Stout's Lindsey Geissler and laid it in.

Men's basketball continues sliding the slippery slope

by Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

At least the effort is there. Upon reaching the midway point of the 2007-08 University of Wisconsin-Stout men's basketball team, talented and athletic team has found itself in the midst of a twelve game losing streak.

After starting off the season 3-1, and winning a tournament, loss after loss began to pile up as conference play began. The quality of the competition in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference has picked up this season with the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh sitting atop the WIAC with six wins apiece.

UW-Stout has traveled to both UW-Whitewater and UW-Oshkosh, suffering

20 point losses in each contest. After going 0-3 during the first three conference matchups, a change of scenery could have been just what the Blue Devils needed to turn things around.

The team took off for a road trip to Michigan where they would be playing against Michigan Tech and in a rematch with Finlandia University, a previous 93-89 victory for the Blue Devils. While the opponents may have been somewhat unfamiliar, the results remained the same. Michigan Tech pulled out a close one in the first game with a 57-54 victory while Finlandia University avenged their opening season loss with a convincing 99-84 win.

Following the holiday break, the players ended their 17-day layoff with a trip to Storm Lake, Iowa to take on the first place Beavers of Buena Vista University. While the three-point shooting of the Blue Devils was their best endeavor of the season (52%), the Beavers were still able to pull out a 97-79 victory. Since this was the last game of the year 2007, The Blue Devils most certainly were making New Year's resolutions to end their current losing streak.

With the new year well under way, the Blue Devils returned back to Menomonie to play in familiar confines at the Johnson fieldhouse. The opponent, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, must have taken a few pages from the Blue Devils' playbook as they began an aerial assault from beyond the arc to build a strong lead as the game wore on.

After a slow start, UW-Stout was able to put it together offensively, but the timely three-point shooting by Platteville was all they needed to send UW-Stout to its eighth straight loss.

If there was a game for UW-Stout to end this disap-

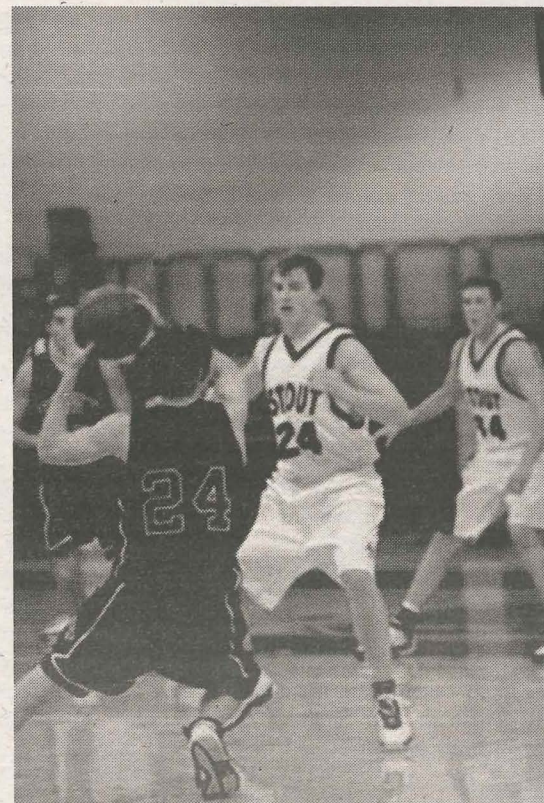
pointing run in the "L" column, their contest against Ripon College seemed full of opportunity. After a hard-fought battle, the Blue Devils' Jerrel Enerson-Matthews sank a three-pointer with 24 seconds left to tie the ball game. UW-Stout was able to force a turnover on Ripon's ensuing possession.

But the bad luck bug bit again as the Blue Devils turned the ball over with five seconds left, and Ripon was able to convert the mistake into a buzzer beating field goal for the win.

While the 82-80 defeat wasn't as bad as some of their previous games, the disappointment of losing a close game eclipses any twenty point loss. The next three games for the Blue Devils were against UW-LaCrosse, UW-Stevens Point, and UW-Whitewater.

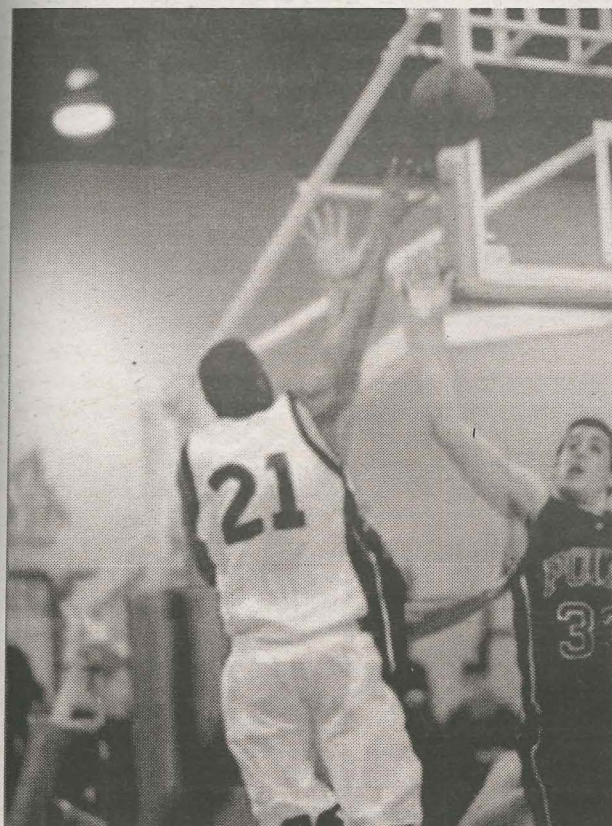
Except for the UW-Whitewater game, UW-Stout was able to keep both contests close and were close to showing signs of turning the corner and snapping this disappointing losing streak.

While the season has definitely had some negative vibes about it, a positive is the play of transfer student Miles Webb. He has been consistently showcasing the talent that allowed him to be named a Junior College All-American while he was in North Dakota and to be able to play at the Division I level while at Idaho University. For the season he is ranked #1 in scoring and free throw percentage, and #2 in rebounding.



Contributed photo by Layne Pitt
UW-Stouts sophomore guard, Joshua Huettl tries to play defense against a UW-Stevens Point offender. Huettl ended the game with four points, shooting two for seven from the floor.

This team undoubtedly has the talent to turn the season around while there is still time left. The question is if they are ready to come together and focus on using all their unique talents as a whole and put this ugly streak behind them.



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UW-Stout's sophomore John Donald takes a quick jumper against UW-Stevens Point. Donald finished the day with 12 points and four rebounds.

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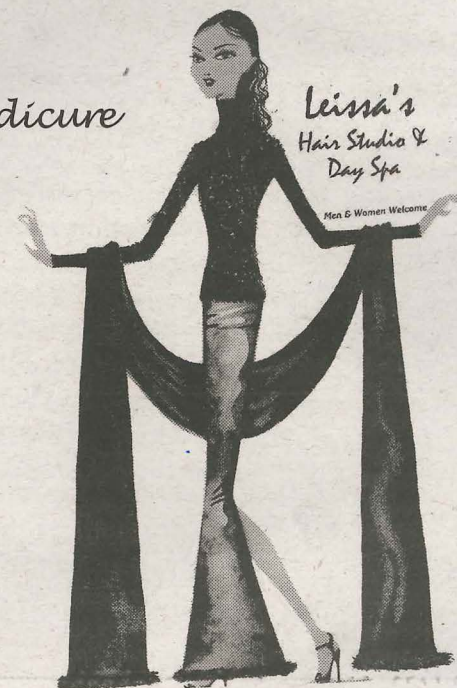
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Blue Devil hockey team looks to break two game losing streak

By Michael Broetzmann
Staff Writer

What a month and a half it has been for Blue Devil Hockey: some shocking defeats, the first shutout of the season, last minute losses, playing against a Canadian school, excitement all around. When all of that excitement is tallied up, it only amounted to two wins for the team, and more importantly, four losses, two of them in which were to the conference rivals of St. Norbert's College and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

This most recent skid started back on Dec. 7, when the team traveled to De Pere to face the Green Knights of St. Norbert's College. The team was absolutely pummeled by the Green Knights. Matt Koenig, who played for the first two periods, allowed four goals to slip in. He was relieved by Mike Stone in the third, who allowed another three goals. Joel Gaulrapp did the scoring done for the Blue Devils by managing to put one into the net in the third.

The team scavenged a win the following evening as it traveled to Illinois and played Lake Forest. UW-Stout redeemed itself by taking out its anxiety on its opponents with a score of 7-2.

The team then went into a short break before it returned to play earlier this month. It started the 2008 season with an

exhibition match against a team that traveled from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology to face the Blue Devils. After, the team resumed regular season play with a heartbreaking loss against St. John's University, as it was able to put a goal into the net with just over a minute remaining in play.

The team again rebounded from a tough loss as it managed to put its first shutout of the season together against Concordia College-Moorhead. UW-Stout achieved this with a 4-0 win on the road. The shutout was put up by the senior Mike Stone, who saved 14 shots, and tallied his first win of the season. Other highlights included three assists from Luke Schroeder.

Last Friday, the team tallied another loss as the Falcons from UW-River Falls came to the Dunn County Ice Rink for a close game. UW-River Falls came out swinging as it tallied three goals in the first period to put UW-Stout down 3-1 after one period of play. UW-Stout didn't give up and managed to come close, but lost with a score of 4-3.

Finally, the team lost this past Tuesday, Jan. 22 on the road to St. Mary's University with a score of 4-2. UW-Stout took an early lead in the game, but was unable to contain its opponent. Scoring for the Blue Devils was Paul Henderson and Luke Schroeder. Hope-



Contributed photo by Layne Pitt
UW-Stout senior goaltender Mike Stone gets ready for a nearby faceoff against UW-River Falls. Although Stone accumulated 19 saves during the game, UW-Stout still lost 4-3.

fully this loss will end the losing streak.

On the other hand, there is some good news coming from the hockey program. Jeff DeFrancesca has been nominated for the 2008 Humanitarian Award. This award recognizes the best overall citizen throughout all of college hockey. The field was narrowed down to 22 nominees in which DeFrancesca was included. The

winner of the award will be announced on April 11 in St. Louis in conjunction with the National Collegiate Athletic Association Frozen Four skills competition.

The team will be playing this weekend, as it will be host to the College of St. Scholastica on Friday, Jan. 25 before it hits the road to face the UW-Superior on Saturday night.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Women's Basketball

Record: 11-7

The UW-Stout women's basketball team lost against the UW-Whitewater Warhawks 93-72, on Jan. 19 at Williams Center. UW-Stout's Joanna Bird led the team in scoring with 13 points, 11 of which were scored in the first half. The team looks for a road win at UW-Platteville this weekend. In other news, former UW-Stout women's basketball player Kelsey Duoss was honored by Inside Wisconsin Sports for being the runner-up for college female athlete of the year.

Next game: (Away) Saturday, Jan. 26th at UW-Platteville at 3 p.m.



Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 12-6-1

The Blue Devil men's hockey team worsened their record this week with a loss to St. Mary's on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd. The Blue Devils managed to score first but couldn't hold the lead as St. Mary's Morgan Shepherd scored, tying the game at one goal apiece. The Blue Devils outshot St. Mary's 44-28 through three periods but failed to rally back, losing the game 4-2.

Next game: (Home) Friday, Jan. 25th against St. Scholastica at 7:30 p.m.



Men's Basketball

Record: 4-13

The Blue Devil men's basketball team has been in a slump these last two months, losing 12 consecutive games. UW-Stout's Joshua Huettl had a career-best 20 points against Buena Vista University on Dec. 29th, scoring six of seven from 3-point range and seven for nine from the floor. Against the UW-Steven Point Pointers, UW-Stout's Miles Webb scored 37 points. Even though his offensive arsenal was evident, UW-Stout still failed to win the game.

Next game: (Away) Saturday Jan. 26th at UW-Platteville at 5 p.m.

Community

Thursday, January 24

- Sexual Assault Support Group Meeting 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 425 Bowman Hall
This event is sponsored by the Campus Violence Prevention Project.

Friday, January 25

- An open lab for instructors to receive help with D2L is available today and Friday, Jan. 25, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., in the Nakatani Center, room 109, Millennium Hall. Individuals are welcome to come and go anytime during these two hours.

Sunday, January 27

- Photo Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Room 122 in Communication Technologies Building At this meeting, members will discuss goals for the semester as well as share Photoshop techniques. Everyone is welcome.

Monday, January 28

- Recyclemania 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Red Cedar Hall, Students on the different floors will compete to see which floors can find the most recyclables. For more information about RecycleMania, please contact the Stout RecycleMania Student Coordinators, Mandy Mulder, muldera@uwstout.edu and Heidi Behnke, behnkeh@uwstout.edu.

Tuesday, January 29

- EDGE PROGRAM: Accounts Payable 205 Millennium, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
This session will give an understanding of Accounts Payable and related processes. Topics will include purchase requisitions, payment of purchase orders, direct charges and an overview of the prompt payment.

Thursday, January 31

- Scavenger Hunt 7:34 p.m. Great Hall in the Memorial Student Center, Campus Crusade for Christ will be hosting a scavenger hunt. This event is open to everyone. Find more information at www.stoutcru.com

Friday, February 1

- University Communications will be hosting a retirement party for Carol Gundlach Friday, Feb. 1, from 2-4 p.m., in the atrium of Millennium Hall. The campus community is invited and encouraged to attend.

Entertainment

Thursday, January 24

- Wisely with Imaginary Jack 8:00pm
The Underground, Free with Stout ID

Friday, January 25

- Film SUPERBAD to be shown
The film SUPERBAD will be shown Friday, Jan. 25, in the Applied Arts Building, room 210, at 8 p.m. It is free for students with a valid Stout ID.

This film from the creators of "The 40-Year-Old-Virgin" and "Knocked Up" is presented by Blue Devil Productions.

Saturday, January 26

- Cathy Scott "Let's Get Away From It All" 7:30 p.m, Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater

Tuesday January 29 - February 2,

- UW-Stout will once again host Frost Fest 2008, the university's winter carnival tradition that was held from 1953 until 1984. Events during the week include a rock band contest, dodge ball and kick ball tournaments, carnival games and snow sculptures. For more information, contact soc@uwstout.edu.

Thursday, January 31

- "Alexander's Terrible Horrible No Good Bad Day" 7:00 p.m., Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater

Friday, February 1

- Greg Herriges Group "Telluric Currents" 7:30 p.m., Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater

Saturday, February 2

- Jay Collins Sextet 7:30 p.m, Mabel Tainter Memorial Theate

Athletics

Friday, January 25

- Hockey vs. St. Scholastica, 7:30 p.m.
- Gymnastics hosts John Zuerlein Invite (UW-Eau Claire, Gustavus Adolphus, Hamline), 6 p.m

Saturday, January 26

- Hockey at UW-Superior, 7 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at UW-Platteville, 3 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at UW-Platteville, 5 p.m.
- UW-Stout Men and Women's Track Open, noon

Wednesday, January 30

- Dodgeball Tournament 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Raquetball courts in the Johnson Fieldhouse Register at the SOC Desk in the Memorial Student Center by Jan. 28th. Prizes will be provided for the winning team.

Friday, February 1

- Hockey vs. UW-Eau Claire, 7:30 p.m.
- Gymnastics at San Jose State, 7 p.m. (Pacific Time)

Saturday, February 2

- Hockey at UW-Stevens Point, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. UW-Oshkosh, 3 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. UW-Oshkosh, 5 p.m.
- Men and Women's Track Warren Bowlus Open, noon

Wednesday, February 6

- Women's Basketball vs. UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at UW-Stevens Point, 7 p.m.



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1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	\$290	\$290	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG & HW, storage, close to campus, great view	6	2 1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW, incl.	6
1 1	702 4th Street	\$295	\$295	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	6	3 1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$480	\$160	\$565	\$188	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
1 1	802 6th Avenue #1	\$315	\$315	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	3 1	2215 1/2 5th Street	\$545	\$182	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
1 1	802 6th Avenue #2	\$315	\$315	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	3 1	119 West Main Street #3	\$550	\$183	\$700	\$233	Nice apt, good sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
1 1	802 6th Avenue #3	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	Nice sized efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	3 1	220 12th Avenue West	\$550	\$183	\$750	\$250	Large duplex, W/D, excellent location, off-street parking	D
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A	3 1	414 12th Avenue West	\$590	\$197	\$780	\$260	Very nice apt, hard wood floors, garage, lawn care included	D
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #5	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8	3 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$345	\$345	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8	3 1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$695	\$232	n/a	n/a	Nice, 2-story apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
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1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6	4 1	915 Main Street	\$600	\$150	\$800	\$200	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6	4 1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	\$820	\$205	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8	4 1	309 14th Avenue West	\$700	\$175	\$900	\$225	Washer/dryer, extra room for storage, parking, good location	H
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6	4 1	921 Main Street #1	\$740	\$185	\$910	\$228	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
1 1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	n/a	n/a	Large, upper duplex with den & parking, great location	D	4 2	516 19th Avenue W	\$750	\$188	\$1,000	\$250	Large, split-level, 2 living rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
1 1	1520 7th Street	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D	4 1	1216 6th Street	\$820	\$205	\$1,000	\$250	Good sized rooms, front porch, parking, across from campus	H
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Efficiency apartment, includes WSG & heat, great location	A	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A	4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes WSG & parking, very close to campus	A	4 2	1319 8th Street	\$825	\$206	\$1,025	\$256	Nice, good sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes parking, WSG & heat	A	4 1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice sized rooms, washer/dryer	H
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$415	\$415	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8	4 2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,195	\$299	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$495	\$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8	4 1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$800	\$200	\$1,025	\$256	Large apt, good sized rooms, W/D, parking, great location	D
2 1	1506 1/2 6th Street	\$330	\$165	\$430	\$215	Great location, enclosed front porch & built-in storage	D	4 1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$800	\$200	\$1,025	\$256	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
2 1	113 West Main Street	\$360	\$180	\$460	\$230	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3	5 1.5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, lots of parking	H
2 1	921 Main Street #2	\$360	\$180	\$500	\$250	Good location, parking, nice sized rooms, porch	4	5 2	1521 8th Street	\$1000	\$200	\$1,245	\$249	Nice sized rooms, new paint, W/D, big yard, good location	H
2 1	115 West Main Street	\$370	\$185	\$490	\$245	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3	5 2	2006 5th Street #A	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	Nice, large house, good sized rooms, W/D off-street parking	3
2 1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$375	\$188	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, gas heat, off-street parking	D	5 2	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,375	\$275	Large house, some extras, W/D, parking, excellent location	D
2 1	915 1/2 Main Street	\$395	\$198	\$495	\$248	Upper duplex, 3-season porch, nice sized rooms, parking	D	5 2	1708 6th Street #A	\$1,325	\$265	\$1,525	\$305	Fabulous apartment, W/D, big rooms, parking, has everything!	D
2 1	1415 4th Street West	\$410	\$205	\$620	\$310	Ground level apartment w/ garage, good location	D	6 2	1402 8th Street	\$600	\$100	\$800	\$133	Corner lot, washer/dryer, off-street parking, full basement	H
2 1	1506 6th Street	\$420	\$210	\$590	\$295	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	D	6 2	1603 7th Street	\$1,000	\$167	n/a	n/a	Great house, gas fireplace, washer/dryer, corner lot	H
2 1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4	6 2	415 13th Avenue West	\$1,050	\$175	\$1,300	\$217	Modern house, large bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
2 1	421 13th Avenue West	\$425	\$213	\$545	\$273	Nice apartment w/ hardwood floors, parking, lawn care incl.	D	7 2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,050	\$150	\$1,310	\$187	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
2 1	414 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$430	\$215	\$540	\$270	Large apt, hardwood floors, parking, lawn care included	D	8 2	121 12th Avenue West	\$1,600	\$200	\$1,900	\$238	Large bedrooms, 2 washers/dryers, VERY close to campus	H
2 1	619 13th Avenue	\$450	\$225	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4								

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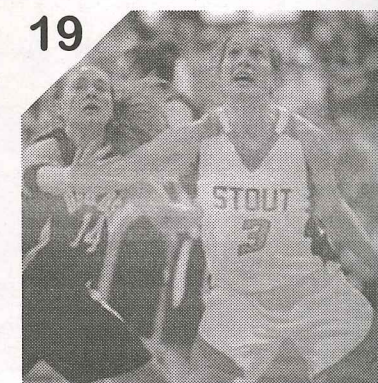
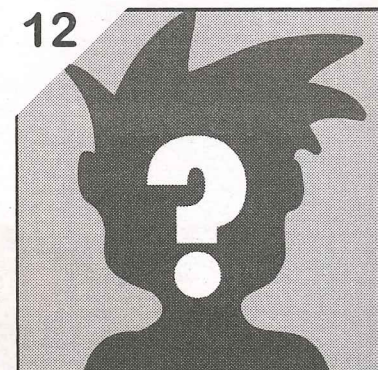
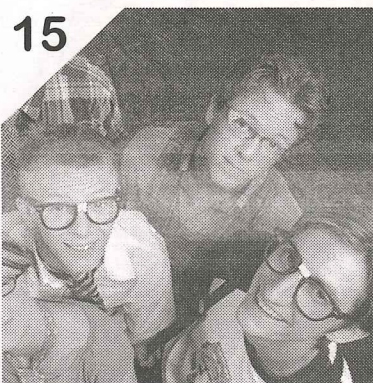
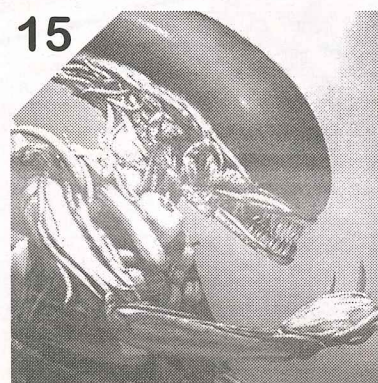
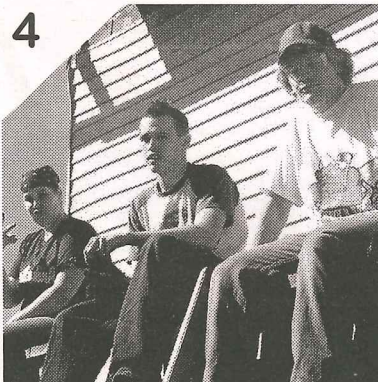
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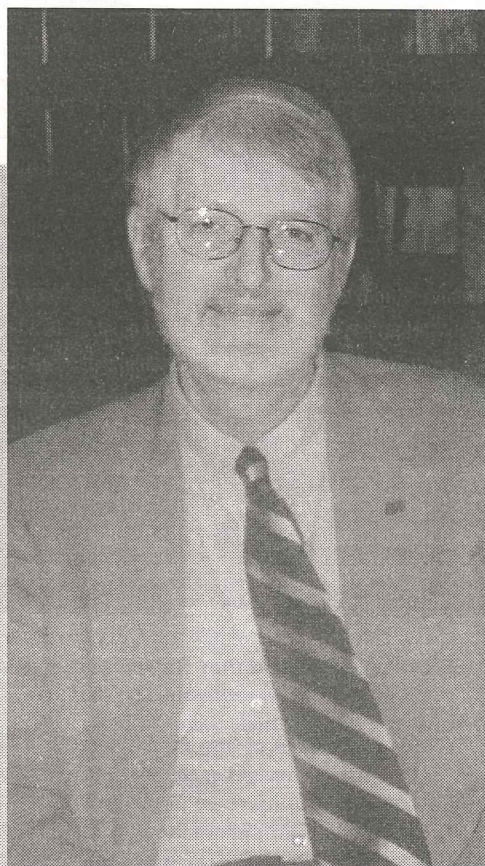
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From buttons to over 500 scholarships

Danielle Olson/ Stoutonia

David Williams, the Vice Chancellor of University Advancement and Marketing takes a break to discuss the importance of scholarship opportunities.



Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

It all started with a homecoming button sale. "Faculty wanted to give scholarships and thought of a way to do it, so they sold buttons at the 1962 homecoming," claimed David Williams, the Vice Chancellor of the University Advancement and Marketing. "They made \$200 total, and gave out two scholarships for \$100 each."

Today, the Stout University Foundation awards \$600,000 in scholarships to students each year. So how can a student take advantage of the scholarship money?

"First and foremost, please apply," advises Williams. "We do get more applications than we have scholarships, but if there's a need, you should fill one out."

He also reminds students that there are other benefits. "Besides being helpful with tuition, scholarships look good on a résumé because they tell future employers that you were a good student and viewed positively by the University."

"Most of the donors attended UW-Stout and received a scholarship so they have realized how important these scholarships are," said Williams. "A lot of the scholarships are restricted, that is, have certain specifications

such as the recipients must have a certain major or GPA, though there are some that are unrestricted."

Every year, 60-70 alumni, foundation members, faculty and staff read every scholarship application to determine which students deserve a scholarship, and which one they should receive according to the requirements.

"There are many aspects we look at when we determine eligibility," Williams said. "Academic record, community involvement and service, clubs, organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity or the food pantry, are all considered, too."

If you get a scholarship, you must attend the award reception in September.

"Donors come to Stout for the reception, and we like to show them that we, as well as the students, are appreciative," added Williams.

To get an application, go to: www.uwstout.edu/foundation. There are two required recommendations from a professor, and sometimes a required essay for certain scholarships.

"You need to submit four copies because each scholarship is read by at least three people," said Williams. The deadline for the Stout scholarship is Feb. 15th, so act quickly!

Tips for applying for scholarships from the Sallie Mae Fund:

- Apply for every reward, regardless of its size
- Don't miss a deadline
- Look for scholarships outside of your college, such as companies, foundations, community organizations or churches
- Let teachers, family members, and others in your community know that you are looking for scholarships
- Make sure you check the conditions of the scholarship, such as having a certain GPA or major
- Look online for databases which search for scholarships, like www.salliemae.org
- Don't ever pay for scholarship information
- If you do receive a scholarship, make sure to write a thank you in case you want to apply for that scholarship again

Stout takes stand against sexual assault

Amanda Katz
Staff Writer

Sexual assault, including rape, is one of the most common and violent crimes today. The problem is that it is also one of the least reported offenses in the United States. Less than 20 percent of sexual assault incidents are actually reported to the police.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout has formed a sexual assault support group here on campus. Although the group is new this year, it takes strong pride in making people aware of sexual assault.

The sexual assault support group is being run by two graduate students along with a sexual assault advocate, Jessica Bryan.

Twenty-three-year-old Emily Tanke, a victim of sexual assault, is one of the group's members. She talks openly about her story and would like to share it with others to raise sexual assault awareness.

Tanke was 20 years old and studying abroad in the Czech Republic through the University of Kansas' program. While out with a group of other students and two professors, Tanke was slipped the date rape drug.

Abruptly waking the next morning in

her quarters to a professor at the door, Tanke was confused and scared. The assaulter was still in the room at this time but quickly took off running.

He was not followed because neither the professor nor Tanke knew for sure at that moment what had happened. The offender was never identified, and two days later, Tanke was sent home.

Tanke came to UW-Stout soon after the incident. She found a lot of support at UW-Stout and the sexual assault support group. Victims of sexual assault can find relief through the support of other victims. "This group can be so helpful because of the common understanding," said Tanke.

The group meets in Bowman Hall 425 every first and third Thursday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. Anyone is encouraged to come and support sexual assault awareness, victim of sexual assault or not.

Action can be taken to prevent sexual assault in many different ways. For more information on prevention and what to do in a rape situation, visit <http://www.uwstout.edu/police/SexualAssaultInformation.htm>.

Not a vacation

Students travel to Mississippi to rebuild homes

Maggie Miexl
Staff Writer

Winter break is the season to give gifts, and 10 University of Wisconsin-Stout students gave the gift of their time. Not just their time, their hard work, sweat and any income from jobs back home.

The group traveled to Kiln, Mississippi in January to help rebuild the homes of those displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

This alternative to a standard vacation was even advertised as such. Signs to promote the trip declared, "This is not a vacation." The weeklong mission consisted of hard labor and long days. It was anything but a day at the beach.

The students drove vans to Brett Favre's Mississippi hometown and settled at Camp Coastal Outpost. Camp Coastal Outpost is a nonprofit organization with the look of an Army MASH unit. It provides inexpensive housing and meals for rebuilding volunteers. The organization also provides volunteer opportunities for its visitors.

A neighborhood advocate kept the UW-Stout students busy with projects that included cleaning family heirlooms, doing trim-work, tiling, finishing rooms and even replaced a few roofs. Grateful recipients fueled the group's drive to help throughout the week.

Erin Wood was at the helm of the UW-Stout group. Wood partnered with UW-Stout's

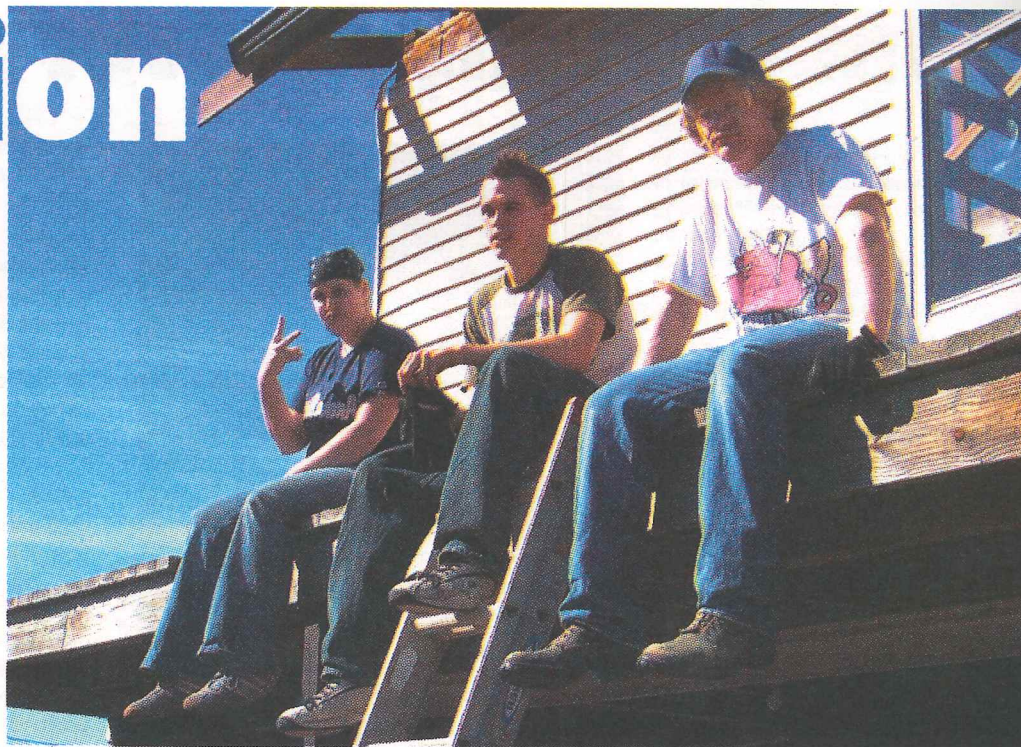
Legacy Internship program to plan the trip. The program allows students to plan a civic-minded event to leave one's mark on the community.

Wood chose the outreach project because she had helped rebuild in the same area a year before.

"After I went down the first time I knew I was going back, I just didn't know when," Wood said.

A lot had changed in a year: gas stations and stores that were destroyed are up and running. But there is still a lot of work to be done. Many neighborhoods still look incomplete. Lack of financial support has left many homeowners living outside of their houses.

Katrina Cottages are a safe and affordable living space that many Kiln residents live in on their front yards. The cottages are a dignified alternative to the FEMA trailer, with many windows and a front porch. Although thankful for the Katrina Cottages, the neighborhood residents just want to be able to move back into their homes. The 10 from UW-Stout gave tireless efforts to many locals and made great progress in the neighborhood homes, but more rebuilding must occur before life in and around Kiln can become normal again.



Contributed photo
Jordanne Le Fae, Chris Becker and Clay Reimer take a much needed break from roofing.

Wood's experiences of helping the hurricane victims has prompted her to look into more ways to make a difference in the area and is now looking into opportunities with AmeriCorps.

"It's kind of a bittersweet thing," Wood said. "If I go down again it will have to be for

longer than a week because there is only so much you can do in a week."

Make a difference in your own way. Contact Mary McManus of UW-Stout's Legacy Internship program to see how you can leave your mark.



Contributed photo
Residents of Kiln, Mississippi reside in Katrina cottages on their front lawns while waiting for renovations to be completed.

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UW-Stout hosts SkillsUSA competition for 25th time

Three hundred Wisconsin middle and high school students will converge on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus to compete in the 25th Anniversary SkillsUSA at UW-Stout Leadership and Skills Competition Feb. 28-29.

The university and its College of Technology, Engineering and Management act as a regional anchor for the competition. At UW-Stout, students hone their skills in preparation for possible state and national competitions.

Formerly known as VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), the UW-Stout

SkillsUSA event was founded by former professor Tom Slupe in 1983. Now retired but still active, Slupe will coordinate the leadership activities on the first day. His son, Greg Slupe, will lead the skills contests on the second day. Contests include prepared speech, job interview, carpentry, electronics and many more.

Almost 200 professors and students volunteer to coordinate the event, including individuals from the academic programs of risk control; engineering and technology; apparel and communications technology; and operations, construction and management.

Competing students come from middle and high schools in Amery, Baldwin, Cumberland, Maple, Menomonie, Portage, Ra-

cine, Sparta, Watertown, Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids and others.

For more information, go to <http://www.uwstout.edu/ctem/>.

UW-Stout interior design students tour Duluth's Eco-Home at Hawk Ridge

More than 30 students from the University of Wisconsin-Stout visited Duluth, Thursday, Feb. 6, to conduct research before designing the interior of an ecologically sensitive house.

The students received a two-hour guided tour of Eco-Home at Hawk Ridge, 2809 Snowy Owl Circle, by the project's builder and architect. Michelle LeBeau of Women in Construction and Rachel Wagner of Wagner Zaun Architecture guided the students through the tour.

The UW-Stout students are studying interior design and have been challenged to design the interior of an eco-home that will be built this summer in northern Wisconsin.

"The students toured Duluth's Eco-Home to experience a meaningful precedent," said Kris Recker, senior lecturer of interior design.

Eco-Home at Hawk Ridge is a solar model home that demonstrates energy efficiency, renewable energy and green building techniques. The home is used for demonstration and educational purposes and serves as an example of how to build low-energy, high-performance homes with attention to conservation and the health of people and the environment.

As the students toured the home, they noted its features for their own project. The students will work on the interior designs for their client during the rest of the semester.

For more information, contact Recker at reckerk@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-2557.

Trendsetter Robyn Waters to present, "Finding Success from the Inside Out"

In her keynote address to the campus community, Waters will chronicle her personal journey of self discovery and detail how her drive for professional success eventually transitioned into a pursuit of happiness, meaning and personal fulfillment. The presentation is a part of the Arthur R. Cabot Executive Residency program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, and will be held on Feb. 25 and 26.

Waters is founder and president of RW Trend, LLC, a trend consulting company based in Minneapolis. She has more than 30 years experience tracking and translating trends into sales and profits.

Prior to launching her consulting firm, Waters was vice president of trend, design and product development for Target Corp. She also once directed the fashion and trend merchandising departments of several top department stores in the United States, including Jordan Marsh of Boston, McRae's of Jackson, Miss., and Donaldson's of Minneapolis.

For more information on the program, contact Mary Volk at volkm@uwstout.edu or (715) 232-1313

DeFrancesca a finalist for Hockey Humanitarian

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MENOMONIE (January 29, 2008) - UW-Stout defenseman Jeff DeFrancesca of Sr. Mt. Prospect, Ill., was one of eight finalists for the Hockey Humanitarian Award, presented by BNY Mellon Wealth Management. The award is presented annually to college hockey's finest citizen.

The 13th annual recipient of the award will be named at the 2008 NCAA Division I Frozen Four at a ceremony in conjunction with the NCAA Skills Competition and the Hobey Baker Memorial Award on Friday, April 11 at the Pepsi Center in Denver, Colo.

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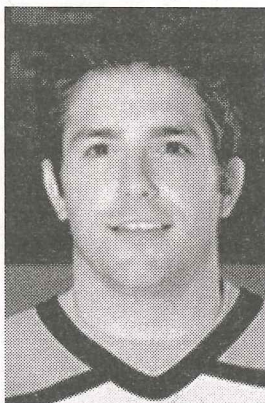
ness enterprises, charitable gift programs, and endowments and foundations. It ranks as one of the top 10 U.S. wealth managers with approximately \$170 billion in private client assets and an expansive network of more than 80 offices globally.

The finalists, along with DeFrancesca, listed in alphabetical order, are: Ryan Adler Jr. Hobart College, William Bruce Sr. Williams College, Ethan Cox So. Colgate University, Jeff DeFrancesca Sr. University of Wisconsin - Stout, Missy Elumba Jr. Northeastern University, Jody Heywood Jr. Ohio State University, Ashley King Sr. Wayne State University, Caralyn Quan Sr. Williams College.

Each finalist will be interviewed by members of the selection committee and additional information

will be released in late February about each student athlete.

More information on the history of the award, the 2008 schedule of events and a list of past nominees, finalists and recipients can be found at www.hockeyhumanitarian.org



Jeff DeFrancesca

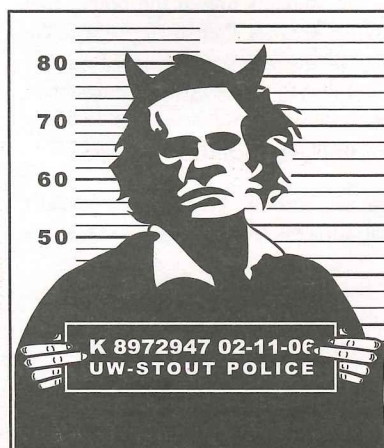
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If only the dorms allowed students to have pets...

Sunday Feb. 3, 11:05 p.m.

An adult yellow lab was found in South Hall and was taken into custody by a resident of the dorm.

The dog had been running around on the 2nd floor of the building. University of Wisconsin-Stout Police were called after the resident had contacted the veterinarian listed on the dog's rabies tags. The veterinarian advised the resident to call police.

The dog was taken to the Dunn County Humane Society by the police to await rescue by its owners.

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Wednesday Jan. 30, 3:45 p.m.

Another case of identity theft was reported to UW-Stout Police by a man who stated that his HigherOne debit card was

used without his permission. The transaction occurred at a Wal-mart Super Center in Jacksonville, Florida on Jan. 25 in the amount of \$425.43. The man immediately cancelled his card upon the realization of the fraudulent transactions.

This case is one of many instances in which Dunn County residents' credit card numbers are being used to make fraudulent transactions in the southern part of the U.S.

Man with silk flowers must not have anywhere better to be than creeping out building custodians late at night.

Friday Jan. 25, 1:30 a.m.

While on duty, a UW-Stout police officer was flagged down by a vehicle containing two custodians who work for the university. They informed the officer that they had observed a suspicious male in the Jarvis Hall Tech Wing after hours.

The male subject appeared to be watching the custodians very closely. He was described as a middle-aged Caucasian who looked somewhat "unkept."

The last time he was seen, he was carrying a bag of silk flowers. Earlier, another custodian was working on the first floor of the building when she heard a toilet flush on the second floor.

The custodians asked that the police walk through the building during the overnight hours to check for the presence of the male subject.

911 is for emergencies only!

Sunday Jan. 20, 1:00 p.m.

After receiving two 911 hang-up calls, police dispatched an officer to respond to Room 42 of Harvey Hall. Upon arrival, the officer located the room, which was a lounge area, and found the doors to be locked, the lights off, and no one inside.

While clearing the area, the officer heard children's voices coming from Room 11, which was located in the opposite corner of Room 42. Two young boys were found and the officer asked if they had been on the phone. The older one stated that they had been and that his younger brother may have dialed 911. The boys were told they were not in trouble and that they should only dial 911 if it is a true emergency.

The police officer talked with a woman who was working in an office near the lounge area. The two boys were her sons waiting for her to finish working. After talking with the woman, she hinted to the officer that it was more than likely that her youngest son may have dialed 911.

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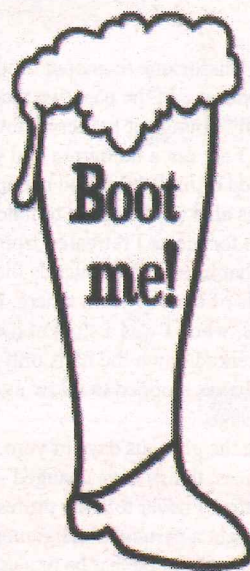
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1	147 1/2 Main Street #8	\$180	\$180	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR	3	2215 1/2 5th Street	\$545	\$182	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
1	220 12th Avenue West	\$230	\$230	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, washer/dryer, off-street parking, great location	SR	3	119 West Main Street #3	\$550	\$183	\$700	\$233	Nice apt, good sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	D
1	400 1/2 Main Street #1	\$290	\$290	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG & HW, storage, close to campus, great view	6	3	220 12th Avenue West	\$550	\$183	\$750	\$250	Large duplex, W/D, excellent location, off-street parking	D
1	702 4th Street	\$295	\$295	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	6	3	414 12th Avenue West	\$590	\$197	\$780	\$260	Very nice apt, hard wood floors, garage, lawn care included	D
1	802 6th Avenue #1	\$315	\$315	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	3	321 13th Avenue West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H
1	802 6th Avenue #2	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6	3	802 6th Avenue #4	\$695	\$232	n/a	n/a	Nice, 2-story apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A	3	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$850	\$283	n/a	n/a	Nice rooms & closets, utilities included, laundry in building	A
1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$345	\$345	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8	4	915 Main Street	\$600	\$150	\$800	\$200	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$350	\$350	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6	4	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	\$820	\$205	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6	4	309 14th Avenue West	\$700	\$175	\$900	\$225	Washer/dryer, extra room for storage, parking, good location	H
1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6	4	516 19th Avenue W	\$740	\$185	\$910	\$228	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, storage, good location	D
1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8	4	1216 6th Street	\$820	\$205	\$1,000	\$250	Large, split-level, 2 living rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6	4	15 414 14th Avenue #4	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Good sized rooms, front porch, parking, across from campus	H
1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	n/a	n/a	Large, upper duplex with den & parking, great location	D	4	15 414 14th Avenue #6	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	1520 7th Street	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment w/ garage, washer/dryer, close to campus	D	4	15 414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Efficiency apartment, includes WSG & heat, great location	A	4	1319 8th Street	\$825	\$206	\$1,025	\$256	Nice, good sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8	4	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice sized rooms, washer/dryer	H
1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A	4	2 1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,195	\$299	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D
1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes WSG & parking, very close to campus	A	4	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$800	\$200	\$1,025	\$256	Large apt, good sized rooms, W/D, parking, great location	D
1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes parking, WSG & heat	A	4	121 12th Avenue West	\$800	\$200	\$1,025	\$256	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$415	\$415	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8	5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, lots of parking	H
1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$495	\$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8	5	1521 8th Street	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,245	\$249	Nice sized rooms, new paint, W/D, big yard, good location	H
2	1506 1/2 6th Street	\$330	\$165	\$430	\$215	Great location, enclosed front porch & built-in storage	D	5	2 2006 5th Street #A	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	Nice, large house, good sized rooms, W/D off-street parking	3
2	113 West Main Street	\$360	\$180	\$460	\$230	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3	5	121 13th Avenue West	\$1,150	\$230	\$1,375	\$275	Large house, some extras, W/D, parking, excellent location	D
2	921 Main Street #2	\$360	\$180	\$500	\$250	Good location, parking, nice sized rooms, porch	4	5	1402 8th Street	\$1,325	\$265	\$1,525	\$305	Fabulous apartment, W/D, big rooms, parking, has everything!	H
2	115 West Main Street	\$370	\$185	\$490	\$245	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3	6	2 1708 6th Street	\$600	\$100	\$800	\$133	Corner lot, washer/dryer, off-street parking, full basement	D
2	1203 14th Avenue East	\$375	\$188	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, gas heat, off-street parking	D	6	2 1603 7th Street	\$1,000	\$167	n/a	n/a	Great house, gas fireplace, washer/dryer, corner lot	H
2	1415 4th Street West	\$410	\$205	\$620	\$310	Ground level apartment w/ garage, good location	D	6	2 415 13th Avenue West	\$1,050	\$175	\$1,300	\$217	Modern house, large bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
2	1506 6th Street	\$420	\$210	\$590	\$295	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	D	7	2 1321 2nd Street West	\$1,050	\$150	\$1,310	\$187	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
2	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4	8	121 12th Avenue West	\$1,600	\$200	\$1,900	\$238	Large bedrooms, 2 washers/dryers, VERY close to campus	H
2	421 13th Avenue West	\$425	\$213	\$545	\$273	Nice apartment w/ hardwood floors, parking, lawn care incl.	D								
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2	802 6th Avenue #6	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6								
2	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW, incl.	6								
3	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$480	\$160	\$565	\$188	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D								

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Aretha Franklin never sang, B-E-R-S-E-R-K

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"Chivalry is dead." "Kids these days just don't have any manners."

"What? Were you born in a barn?"

So the idioms listed above are trite, and some carry more than just a frisson of unsavory connotations, but they all have one thing in common. I'm hearing them more frequently than ever – and not just when I'm the one doing the uttering.

In the past two weeks, I've determined that although chivalry is not entirely dead, it is definitely likely to flat line soon. In the past two weeks, I've been mowed over by dozens of very large, burly students – and even some whose gaze met mine as they elbowed me out of the way to beat me down the stairs while I was heading up the stairs – on the right hand side of the stairwell, as the nuns none too subtly suggested, or should I say, insisted we must do. The students to whom I am referring, instead of staying to the right, as Sister Cecilia assured me they do in heaven, instead trammel down the stairwell twelve abreast, shouting war cries, Berserking like mad trolls, damn anyone and everyone who

may have the misfortune to encounter their collective madness. In the past two weeks, only one kindly youngster bothered not only to notice that I am not a hologram and that I am comprised of molecules and occupy space, but was also kind enough to hold the door open for me as I retreated from the blizzard that hurried me towards the hallowed halls of Harvey Hall, where, back in the eighties, when I was a student here, students Berserkered down the halls only eight abreast and always stopped to allow aged ones safe passage.

Gone are the glorious days of yore. In all seriousness, things have changed – and not for the better. I never told my professors that I thought a particular assignment "sucked" and that I hoped that he or she didn't intend to ever make us do anything akin to it ever again, and neither did any of my classmates. I did not make vomiting noises when my professors wrote on the board, and neither did my classmates. I didn't leave garbage under my desk, on top of my desk or in the stairwell. A few people did, but they were neither highly regarded, nor did anyone that I'm aware of ever seek, deliberately, to emulate them. I never used the water-fountains as my own private spittoons. Every once in a while, someone would do this and,

if my memory serves correctly, the behavior was met with a chorus of "ewwws" and "ishes." I never demanded to know when we were going to get our papers back, so I had no occasion to roll my eyes histrionically in response to the answer given since I never asked, and neither did my classmates.

So much for the days of yore. Yes, sometimes I was and we were obnoxious. We did not (often) sit around the dorm room spouting glowing praise about every professor on campus, but we did know that the classroom and the buildings in which we attended our classes were not the place to air our grievances. We griped to one another, to our R.A.s, to our parents and friends. Would I be out of line to suggest that perhaps, just maybe, that was a better idea than just spouting off whenever and wherever I, or anyone else, feels like it? I at least give folks a heads up (usually, anyway) if they're in danger of witnessing me go all Vesuvius, which I ordinarily do only when provoked. (Then, of course, there's the matter of my evil twin, whom I shall simply leave out of this discussion for today.)

Please, don't get me wrong; I'm not just picking on students or my evil twin, either. Who hasn't, in this day of ubiquitous

cell phone usage, been "treated" to intimate conversations, curiously projected at about 90 decibels or higher, regarding anything from a raging yeast infection, the specific symptoms of acute gastric distress and the agony it is causing the sufferer, to the whiner who is casting evil curses on the cashier whilst loudly screaming about the "crap service here at Mal-Wart," to the gossip-monger who is broadcasting just who cheated on whom and when and where and just exactly what the consequences, spelled aloud "D-I-V-O-R-C-E" in order to spare – supposedly, the wide-eyed toddler drooling on herself in the shopping cart further up the toothpaste aisle.

So much for the toothpaste aisle. I guess what I'm trying to say here, is can't we all just get along – politely? Next time you're late for class, consider slowing down. Consider molecules. Consider people. Other people aren't inanimate impediments. Your teachers do have feelings – just as you do. Nobody is perfect, but we're all capable of being polite – at least when the context warrants it. Save your inner troll for the Internet, people. Listen to Aretha Franklin sing it: "R-E-S-P-E-C-T." Out of respect for everyone, I'll refrain from singing anything – ever.

I'll beat you with my meat, and hope you become pregnant

A.J. Forst

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Happy Valentine's Day! Let's begin with a little history of the day. The Pagans would celebrate, in February, the forerunner to the modern holiday by beating women with strips of animal skin to promote fertility. A modern equivalent could be a belt, the top of a shoe or even some road kill (dead porcupines from along Highway 29 would work). But that's only to promote fertility, so the practice may be ill-advised.

Valentine's Day is an evil holiday for a number of reasons. For one, the money spent on going out to eat and buying some refrigerated flowers or candies could be better spent elsewhere. Think of all the starving people in the world who would

love those same candies and flowers to eat. Isn't there enough love in the world? If you think there isn't, you're a hippie and don't deserve an opinion.

Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream, and it wasn't about Valentine's Day. It wasn't about love and peace in the world, it was about equality for everyone. Valentine's Day discriminates against single people who aren't afraid to die alone. We shouldn't discriminate against the strong-willed like Amanda Katz, who isn't afraid to live alone with her 20 cats and die friendless if she doesn't meet that perfect wheel bearing greaser of Tilt-A-Whirls.

Cupid is a terrorist. Any baby that is armed with a bow and arrows should be taken by Social Services, not given free reign to shoot people at will. Is that what

love is about? Getting hit in a fly-by out in the streets? Wouldn't it be better to take your chances with meth? Think about it. Stay home and smoke up. It would be impossible to have an intervention against being hit by invisible arrows. At least the effects of meth are obvious.

Valentine's Day is a trap because if a guy doesn't plan anything, the old lady gets mad, and if he does plan something, they say, "Why can't we do this more often?" Then when he hits her in the face with the dead porcupine, she gets mad instead of happy he was thinking of getting her pregnant.

It also sucks for girls. They get let down every single year by the lack of imagination of the guys and learn how little their guys care about them and would

substitute them for an official Red Ryder carbine action 200 shot range model air rifle with a compass in the stock and this thing that tells time.

Instead, stay home and watch "Antiques Roadshow" and figure out how much the crap in your house is worth. Then donate the money to the University of Wisconsin-Stout so it can strengthen the signal of the wireless Internet in the Memorial Student Center. Also, a person could stay home and write a romance novel.

Valentine's Day is a day for love and there's no one better to love than yourself. Draw a face on your hand and use it to keep you company. Role play and start a relationship. You'll find that you have a lot in common with yourself. After all, you are the only "one" in "alone."

Democrats and Republicans, they both suck at politics

Chris Moellering
Staff Writer

Well, we're in year 12 of this year's presidential election, with about nine months left to go. We have had to sit through 6,249 debates and 28,622 speeches. There have been 12,925 attack ads, 742 cheap shots, a few thousand lies and countless empty promises. The best part is the fun has just begun.

Now, I'm not one to get involved with political debate. It's not that I don't care or because I don't want to stir up any controversy. No, the reason is I just don't think the world needs another political analyst, especially one that has very little, if any, authority. I try very hard to write columns that are about anything other than political issues. When I started writing for the Stoutonia, I promised myself I would never write a political column, mostly because I know my views would not mesh well with the audience or the staff and I didn't feel like being ostracized by my fellow students. Today, however, I am going to break my one rule.

Like most college students, and child predators, I spend a lot of time on Facebook. I like how Facebook allows users to get involved with the political debates, but reading what some users say, I've noticed that a lot of people don't know much about politics, which makes it hard for them to choose the best candidate. People choose candidates for the strangest reasons, and have no idea about what they truly stand for. Some people are so lost when it comes to politics that they don't even know what the differences are between Democrats and Republicans. Luckily, for the students who have had the good fortune to learn to read, I am going to try my best to explain these differences to you.

I've decided that the best way to illustrate the differences between these two parties

is to pick some of the major issues that are facing this great nation and explain generally where the parties stand. When I say parties, I am talking about a collective group of people who share common beliefs and ideas, not those things we go to on Thursday nights, which cause us to show up late for class on Friday with a dizzying headache.

The first issue is the economy. This is a problem that has divided this nation since its very beginning. Both parties have completely different ideas of how we should handle our economy. The Democrats have this crazy idea that if we give them our money, they will spend it for us. They will make sure our money goes to the right places and will keep the economy stable. I may be a little paranoid, but this just doesn't sound like a very good deal for us. The Republicans on

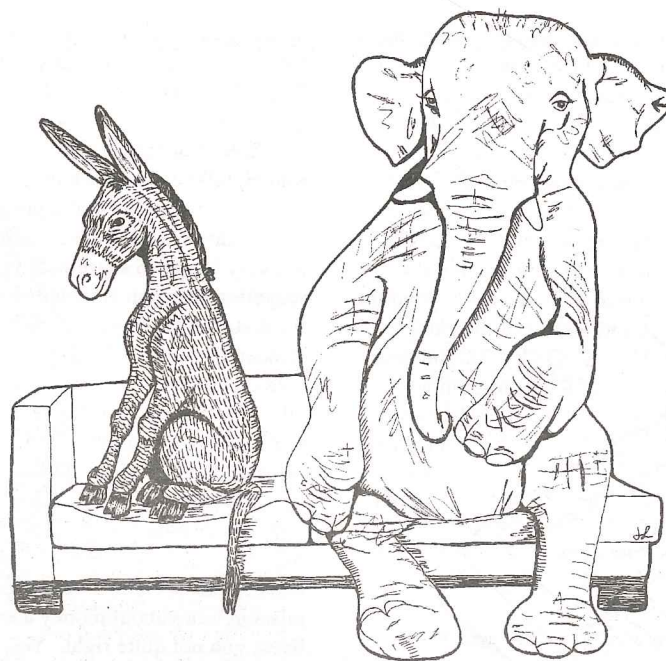


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the other hand have a crazy idea of their own. They want us to keep our money, because we will invest it wisely and become rich ourselves. What they don't understand is we have too much cool stuff to buy: iPhones, X-Boxes and a meth habit to support. Investing it wisely is not one of our priorities.

The next issue is a touchy one: immigration. The Democrats think the United States is a soup kitchen for the world. They'll take them all. You may have come here illegally, but since you suffered through so much injustice and will work the worst jobs, we'll let you stay. Besides, if you stay, we can take your money too and "invest" it for you. On the other hand, the Republicans want to close the doors, nail them shut and shoot anyone that tries to peek through the windows. Instead of sneaking into our

country, stay in yours. If you want what we have, we'll go there, blow it to pieces and then open a Wal-Mart.

Since we're on the topic of blowing things to pieces, it would be a good time to talk about the differences on national security. The Democrats have no fears. They think the world is full of rainbows and unicorns and every confrontation can be solved with some marijuana and a hug. They believe kindness can solve the world's problems. Turn the other cheek they say. It didn't work with the playground bully and it doesn't work with Islamic extremists. The Republicans, well, I think we all know where they stand.

Let's talk about something a little more uplifting: health care. While both parties agree there is a problem, how they want to solve the problem is worlds apart. The Democrats want to give everyone the same health care benefits. First of all, the government can't "give" us anything without taking something from us. So, we would give the government our money and they will give us health care benefits in return. Communist Russia tried something like this with something a lot simpler: food. It didn't work out all that well. The Republicans on the other hand, well, I don't even think they even have an idea. I guess they feel tax cuts will give people more money to spend on our medical bills, which doesn't really work. Unfortunately, I know firsthand. To sum up, here are our two options: give the government their money so we can stand in line for months waiting for a new hip or give the government nothing, go directly to the hospital for a new hip and realize we can't afford it.

In the end, we're all screwed. The only thing we can do is get fat, get in debt, get divorced, have a heart attack and then die a miserable unfulfilled life. Believe it or not, I love this country.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As nice as it was to see that students today have some respect for the memory of Martin Luther King Jr., I believe the man himself would have been upset by the methods chosen to honor his memory.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a fighter. He fought for rights, freedom, justice and liberty. He would not want to think that the fight has ended and yet, that is the impression given by the celebration of his memory a good man who died a long time ago.

His struggle is not only continuing, but has in fact lost ground!

Dr. King fought for equal rights for all he would be appalled that we have created

a system in which everyone has equal rights, but they are equal because NO ONE HAS ANY RIGHTS AT ALL!

The equality of slavery was not Dr. King's goal! Yet we have permitted our government to place total authority over any person or group, worldwide, in the hands of one person: the President of the United States. Effectively, the President now holds everyone's life in his hands.

And I mean EVERYONE. The U.S. no longer recognizes any other country's sovereignty and has claimed the right to go anywhere, do anything to anyone whom the President, by his single, uncontrolled decision, has declared to be a person with no

rights and an "illegal enemy combatant."

I see professors, students and ordinary citizens step back from the podium and think carefully before speaking, aware that the government can whisk them off to be tortured with the stroke of a pen.

This is "free speech"?

This is the "Land of the free, home of the brave"?

We came within weeks of armed insurrection in the summer of 1972 because of actions which President Nixon took, actions which today would be LEGAL, justified by the fear of terror. If the use of fear is a terrorist act, then what is a government which promotes fear to further its agenda?

What is the President of the U.S. if not a terrorist?

Charles Barnard
University of Wisconsin-Stout Alumni

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EXTRA! EXTRA! the news is free.....read all about it!

Chris Zeck
Staff Writer

As citizens it's our obligation to stay informed on the issues that our country, region and community deal with on a daily basis. If we are not informed on the issues, then our decisions we make on those issues will be ill-informed. These issues can range from anything as simple as which toys may be loaded with lead or which team to bet on in the big game. They could also be as complex as which president will make the best choices for our country, or how our government plans to boost our economy. There is so much that simply being informed can do for your life, but this is left up to you. Recently however,



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our campus helped us all out by introducing a pilot program for The Collegiate Readership Program which provides campuses nationwide with local, regional and even national newspapers.

The Collegiate Readership Program was created in 1997 at Penn State University. Penn State's President, "created the program as a way to ensure that his students were exposed to the world beyond the bricks and mortar of the campus."

(USA TODAY) The success of their program was quickly witnessed firsthand and soon was used as a

model for close to 400 other universities. The program distributes the papers, provides access to online academic resources, programming ideas, marketing and recycling. The program's Mission Statement is, "To enhance the learning environment on campus, by exposing students to the news in their living, learning and community spaces. The program is designed to promote civic literacy and global awareness on campus through students' daily exposure to the news." (USA TODAY)

In my opinion, and according to recent surveys of campuses nationwide, college students don't keep themselves up-to-date with current news and issues affecting their daily lives. There is overwhelming evidence to show that our generation knows less about non-"Hollywood current events" than any other past generation, yet our access to that information is exponentially larger. In my opinion, this needs to change. The Collegiate Readership Program takes almost all the "hassle" involved in obtaining the news in print form. You no longer have the walk down the street to the local gas station to pick up the paper, spend 75 cents a day or to multiple places to pick up different papers. All of these obstacles are taken care of. Your paper is now free; you can pick it up at many different places around campus including your academic buildings, dining halls and even in many common areas you pass through every day. All you have to do is look for the newspaper bins, pick one

up and read. Oh and guess what, they're FREE! Not only that, but you can get USA TODAY, Wisconsin State Journal and The Star Tribune.

Next, for those of you who are environmentally conscious and worry about all the wasted paper that a program like this might present, I have a few words I am very happy to share with you; a special recycling program is included along with the distribution of papers. When College Readership drops off the new papers, they take the old ones to recycle. In addition to all of the places our campus already offers to recycle paper, additional recycling bins have been put in place for this program.

For those of you thinking that it is a program designed to make it possible for papers to increase the cost of advertising, making this seemingly great, honorable mission more about money a enriching lives, you not quite right. Yes, it's true they may make a few dollars from the program, but we don't have to have USA Today on our stands, we could have The Post, The Boston Globe, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times or any other newspaper.

Our program is the deluxe version you might say; we have three papers out that cover our area and abroad. We could have chosen to only have one paper, or two, it doesn't really matter. The point is that we don't have to have USA Today, but they partnered up with many local papers to make this program possible and they are a usual choice for most campuses in our region. If there is a different national news paper you would like to see on our racks, make a point to voice your opinion when the post pilot survey is handed out. I am sure any recommendations will be gladly accepted and reviewed.

When you read a paper in print, not only does research show your reading level goes up, but you actually retain and understand what you have read more so than just reading the information online, hearing it on the radio or watching it on the television. This is a good idea to keep in mind when talking about comprehension skills that are required in just about every job out there today. I feel this program is something every campus nationwide should adopt.

This program, when instituted in similar sized campuses, has only cost five dollars per student per semester in fees. The cost of this program is dwarfed by the benefit; benefits like ability to access the news, and sharing of ideas. The ability to hear other viewpoints from around the world, preparing students to live in a global community and giving students the power to seek knowledge outside of the textbooks and classroom encourages them to take on the lifelong learning process. Benefits also

include educating the masses with the news and information that will affect their future. It will increase the reading level of those who take on the responsibility of reading the paper on a regular basis. It is a direct link to the outside world that does not require a power cord or a battery; it is always there even if the Internet is on the fritz.

This program delivers students with papers every weekday that school is in session, so you can read the paper on your way to class, while you eat, in your room throughout the day, anywhere you want really. This program is a great idea and provides a very economical way for students to access the news.

I feel that our campus should keep this program; not only does it enrich the lives of its students and professors, but it gives perspective students another reason for them to come to our campus. It will also boost the marketability of the University of Wisconsin-Stout students' abilities and knowledge on the competitive job market. Employers want to have educated people on their staffs, which includes self education with the issues affecting our daily lives. The best way to get that education is by reading the newspaper. Don't fool yourself either by thinking that watching the nightly news is enough. Most of the time it's a half hour show with commercials, which is nowhere near enough time to talk about everything that was in that day's paper.

However, this program is only a pilot, which means it must come to an end at some point. February 15 will be the last day the papers are distributed, and at that time the program will go into review. A post program survey will be handed out and students' reactions and comments will be compiled for this review. Mike Lubke, SSA President, told me recently, "Whether or not this program is permanently implemented on campus will depend on if students actually want it and are willing to pay for it through segregated fees." He did also state that the cost looks to be around \$3-5 per person per semester which is in line with what I have found. He also stated, "The goal of the Collegiate Readership Program is to help keep students informed on current issues in the world."

I urge each and every one of you to look for these surveys, presumably in the MSC soon after February 15 and voice your word if you want to keep these papers on campus. It will enrich your life to have them here, it will help you be a better citizen, it will make you look smarter if you carry the paper and it will actually make you smarter if you read it. So do yourself a favor and read the paper, attain that knowledge that can help you change the world in which you live.

You may be blowing smoke up mine

....but hopefully the government will put a foot in yours



employment in September of 2006. Minnesota banned smoking statewide in September of 2007, making it the 22nd state to do something in that manner.

There was a lot of controversy when the Minnesota ban took place and now there is controversy in Wisconsin as Governor Jim Doyle called for a statewide smoking ban. Personally, I hope it passes.

Currently, the law proposed bans smoking in all public build-

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ings, workplaces, restaurants and taverns. This won't help my current situation, nor will it help any future situation with smoking in apartments; I think this should be taken a step further such as Belmont, California did, and ban smoking in multi-dwelling units. It's a real duh-like moment; the U.S. Surgeon General, the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association and the American Heart Association report that exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of heart disease, lung cancer and respiratory disease even in non-smokers.

Many people object to these new bans. Why, one might ask, if it is to protect

ban rather than decrease. I for one would be more willing to go to a bar or restaurant that was smoke free. In 2003, New York City amended its anti-smoking law to include all restaurants and bars, including those in private clubs, making it one of the toughest in the United States. According to the 2004 Zagat Survey, which polled nearly 30,000 New York City restaurant patrons, respondents said by a margin of almost six to one that they eat out more often now because of the city's smoke-free policy. I have asked several of my smoking friends what they thought of the bans and several if not all responded that they actually enjoyed or would enjoy the bar and or restaurant more themselves without the smoke.

Some people tend to forget that smokers are also affected by the second-hand smoke. And honestly, as a business owner or worker, wouldn't you rather have better health than more money? All the money in the world cannot completely cure cancer or heart disease. But I guess I forgot business owners tend to rarely spend a whole lot of time working in their own businesses. But what about your workers and patrons? Do you not care about them? A study by the University of Berkley, California found that levels of environmental tobacco smoke in restaurants were approximately 1.6 to 2.0 times higher than in office workplaces of other businesses and 1.5 times higher than in residences with at least one smoker. Levels in bars were 3.9 to 6.1 times higher than in offices and 4.4 to 4.5 times higher than in residences. Who wants to sit in that?

"There was a lot of controversy when the Minnesota ban took place and now there is controversy in Wisconsin as Governor Jim Doyle called for a statewide smoking ban."

people? Well numerous reasons are named but the two biggest are loss of business and government interference with personal lifestyle or property rights.

The issue of loss of business is huge for a small business owner, however what many business owners who have complained have failed to realize is that patrons might actually increase with a smoking

another thousand words to talk about it.

Back to the government. We elect our government, so honestly I think people need to shut up about it or do something. I understand the fact you don't want somebody up in your business, but we elect our government so they can help us make decisions and protect us from things (you know terrorists, bad guys and ourselves). We want better health care and cures for cancer and yet millions of us take part in activities that could be prevented or stopped and in turn reduce the need for health care. Did you ever think about that?

I make the choice to tan and to drink, but I am not ultimately making that decision for other people. When you smoke you ARE making that decision for other people by emitting second-hand smoke to others. Essentially, that is assault and technically we could go a step further to attempted murder. Our government has laws against assault and attempted murder, so shouldn't that apply whether you are smoking a cigarette or weilding a bat?

As for the ban on smoking in multi-dwellings, why would landlords want to leave themselves open to lawsuits by allowing smoking? There have been a number of cases in which the plaintiff won when a suit was brought to court about second-hand smoke in an apartment. How one might be able to accomplish this may pop into many minds, but there is a wonderful common law tort called nuisance. Under this tort, nuisance extends to everything that endangers life or health, gives offense to the senses, violates the laws of decency or obstructs the reasonable and comfortable use of property.

Why bother leaving enforcement of smoking to the landlord, make it a state or even nationwide ban? An apartment complex in a sense IS a public place, like it or not. What happens when one of those smokers falls asleep with a lit cigarette and burns the complex down and subsequently themselves? There is a liability right there.

Landlords not only get to deal with liability, but then they get to pay to have the apartment repainted and the carpets cleaned, not that that will ever fully remove the smoke from the place anyways.

Smokers, it is your choice to smoke and you have a general right to do so, but why affect someone else with it? If you want to smoke, go outside, buy a house where you can smoke in it all day long; better yet, go live in a smoker's community or house so you all can kill each other slowly. But honestly, don't be selfish, smoke outside and support the smoking ban. You know you want to quit anyway.

Katie Kenner
Opinion Editor

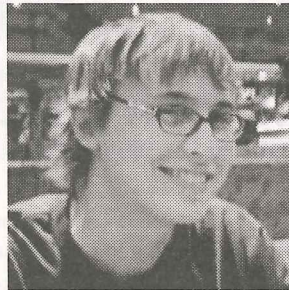
Frankly I'm upset; extremely ticked off would fit it best. I have lived in my apartment complex for almost two years now. Just recently, a smoker moved in below me and it stinks. I live in one of those older typical '80s apartment complexes that have not so great ventilation and even more not so great insulation. The lease says nothing about smoking, however a verbal agreement was made about the fact that smoking was not permitted. I'm irritated, and not only am I irritated, my body is irritated. I have had headaches, nausea, dizziness and sinus issues.

Not only that, all my clothes reek like smoke and I can't imagine what my furniture will smell like when I move out. Honestly, it is not like I drag people with me when I go tanning so they can be exposed to the damaging rays that cause cancer. Why should people be allowed to impose their unhealthy habit onto me? If I don't like smoke, I don't go into places that allow smoking, but how can you escape a nuisance neighbor? I never thought too much about it until now.

Some people like to remind me that smokers have rights too, but do they really? There is no such federal or state constitutional right in the United States or in Canada that says or even implies that smokers have a right to smoke. In fact, it seems there are more rules against it than anything. Several provinces in Canada have a smoking ban in public places, and others have banned smoking in the workplace, including restaurants and bars.

An estimated 58 countries around the world have some sort of smoking ban in place. The City of Menomonie instituted a smoking ban in public places and places of

President



Michael Lubke

for student rights, and implement new ideas brought to us by fellow students.

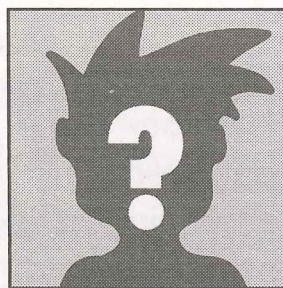
Position requirements/job duties:

The president's main responsibility is to act as liaison among students, faculty, staff, administration and the Board of Regents. This requires me to attend numerous meetings each week, and report back to the senate on what is happening on campus so they can pass it on to their student constituents. I also chair the executive board and make sure each executive is doing the assigned duties. I am a co-chair of the Access to Learning Committee, which allocates about \$2,000,000 per year to enhance student learning. One other important committee that I serve on is the Student Technology Fee Committee. The point of this committee is to enhance student learning through the use of technology in some way. Over the past couple of years a surplus has been built up, so we are looking for new ideas that will allow us to spend the money on something very meaningful. Any student, staff, administration can apply for money for an idea they may have, so I encourage any student who may have an idea to come to the SSA Office, email ssapresident@uwstout.edu, or call me at 232-2100. The President also oversees the Judicial Branch of SSA.

Goals for the 2007/08 school year:

My personal goals for this school year are to make sure students do not rent from bad landlords by having a set of ratings at the housing fair, updating the SSA website so it functionally can serve students in a number of different ways, and to have an active senate that can help make a difference for students!

Vice President



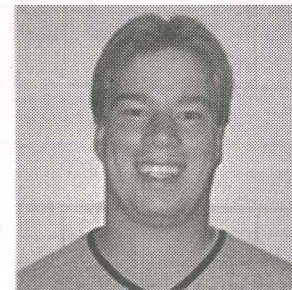
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motions, and all official documents; and assigning constituency.

Qualifications:

The qualifications I possess for this job are a great amount of SSA experience, knowledge about segregated fees and how the system works, and I have good leadership skills. This is my fourth year in SSA, and second year on the executive board as well. I am also willing to stand up

Director of Legislative Affairs



Kyle Tonn

Qualifications:

Political junkie, knowledge of the legislative process, political activism & campaign management experience, good organizational skills.

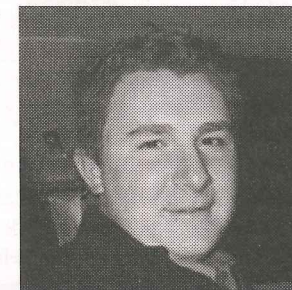
Job Requirements:

Act as a liaison between UW-Stout students and their elected officials at the

local, state and federal level. Advise off-campus students on how to deal with landlord & housing problems.

Goals for the 2007/08 school year: Work with the city to move student voting on campus. Create a voting resource Web -site. Bring a state or federal elected official on campus to talk with students. Create a more efficient off-campus housing complaint system.

Financial Affairs Director



Ian Johnson

Qualifications:

My qualifications for the position of Financial Affairs Director are that in the 2006-07 year I was a senator in the Stout Student Association, and was on the Financial Affairs Committee. During that year, I worked on many things including the yearly budget process. Sitting on that

committee I saw and learned a great deal. I believed that I could do a good job at this position and could make improvements on how it was done.

Position requirements:

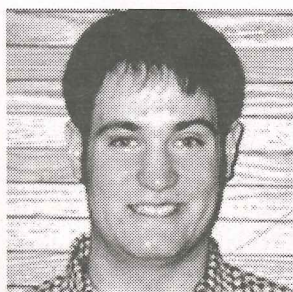
The Financial Affairs Director's job requirements are to attend a variety of meetings including the University Student Senate meeting and the Tech Fee Committee meetings. Also, I help the financial Affairs Committee create the Allocable Segregated Fees Budget, by working with them and assuming an advisor position. I develop and enforce the segregated fees policies, supervise organizational spending, recommend a student health insurance policy, and sit on committees dealing with segregated fees.

Goals for the 2007/08 school year:

With in the Stout Student Association my goals for the 2007-08 school year are to finish overseeing the creation a good and fair budget for the Allocable Segregated Fees for the 2008-09 year. I also would like to implement a system into place that will hold organizations more responsible for their expenditures. This year I also would like to see the Stout Student Associations Executive Board to continue to work together and keep accomplishing our goals.

2008 Members

Organizational Affairs Director



Andrew Mielke

Qualifications:

I have been a member of the senate for three years now. My first year and a half I was a senator and an avid member of the Financial Affairs Committee. The past two years I have served as the Organizational Affairs Director.

Position requirements:

A few of my job duties are to recruit and submit student candidates for faculty and university committees for the senates approval, keep file of all recognized organizations, distribute constitution renewal forms to all recognized organizations, advise organizations on any constitutional changes and introduce constitutions and by-laws of newly formed organizations for the senates approval.

Goals for the 2007/08 school year:

My main goals for my position for the 2007-2008 school year are to greatly expand participation in the Shared Governance committees on campus as well as have a smooth and effective renewal session for student organizations in the spring.

Director of Diversity



Gao Nhia Vang

Qualifications:

In my current position I chair a Diversity Committee, and last year I was on this committee as a student which helped prepare me for this position. I am also involved with other student organizations which have helped me with the necessary skills needed for this position such as

leadership and organizational skills.

Position requirements:

My job duties include, but are not limited to: chairing the Diversity Committee where we work together to create diversity awareness on campus. We do a great deal of this by collaborating with student organizations, ensuring implementation of Diversity Plan 2008, and student support services to create events, workshops, and programs. I am a resource person regarding diversity as well, creating a positive and respectful climate for all students.

Goals for the 2007/08 school year:

My goal for this year is to bring broader diversity awareness to campus through collaboration with the student organizations and other departments on campus. I want to be a resource students can come to if they have concerns, don't feel safe on campus, or if they need someone to talk to. I'll continue to do my best to represent the students of this campus and make sure that this university has a positive and respectful environment for all students.

Public Relations Director



Jennifer Ragan

Qualifications:

When I was in high school I was very involved with the student government there; I was class president, council vice president and council treasurer. It was something that I have always enjoyed. So when I transferred to UW-Stout last year I wanted to get involved and I found the

UW-Stout Student Association. I was a senator last year and the winter representative so this year I decided, after being member of the Senate, that I would like doing an executive position.

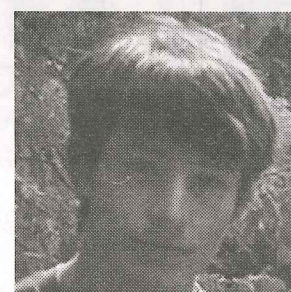
Position requirements:

Some of my job duties are putting on and running the Housing Fair during the fall semester, and coordinating the Homecoming events that the senate wished to participate in. Also, I work with the Vice President doing all the publicity for the elections that we have for the executives in the spring and the senators in the fall. Another thing during the spring is, I work with a committee and help put on the awards banquet for the Samuel L. Woods award.

Goals for the 2007/08 school year:

Some goals that I have are, having a successful Off-Campus Housing Fair that is hopefully the biggest yet, putting on a great election and large turn out in the spring for the executive debates. Mostly though, working well as a group, I think that is what is really important.

Director of Creative Development



Andrew Barrette

Qualifications:

I am an Industrial Design major with a background in computer science. This gives me both the necessary design skills as well as the technical skills for the job.

Position requirements:

I am responsible for establishing the SSA and USS visual schema, publication of materials on the Web, upkeep of the SSA Web site, maintenance of the housing Web site, poster design, and working as a member of the Public Relations Committee.

Goals for the 2007/08 school year:

One of the goals we have for this year is to ensure implementation of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment; and since I played a role in the signing of the commitment, I plan to play a role in holding our institution to it. Also, I hope we can begin the process of creating a more intellectual atmosphere at UW-Stout-one avenue for this would be encouraging educational events and leveling the playing field for student organizations when it comes to funding. We have a strong mandate this year and our work is cut out for us. A preliminary list of our mandates for this school year can be found at the bottom of our "about us" Web page:

(ssa.uwstout.edu/about.html).

What does SSA do?

Amanda Katz
Staff Writer

Did you know that we, as students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, are a part of SSA? The Stout Student Association (SSA) is an assembly of all students that govern the student body at UW-Stout. The association is made up of the executive board, senators and all student body who vote and elect the members. The executive board and senators make up the University Student Senate, or USS.

SSA is an organization of enrolled students working for each other. As a student at the university, you have the right to vote in elections and on referendums.

You have more power than you think! Getting involved in USS is also available to all UW-Stout students. By applying and being elected, you can be part of the student decision-making process here at UW-Stout. Debates will be held this spring for executives and also elections for positions in the Stout Student Association. The election date is Thursday, April 10.

This year there are many new things on SSA's agenda. The main scheme behind all of the brewing ideas is something called the Focus 2010 initiative, a planning implementation created in 2003. Stout created this idea to effectively utilize future priorities. There are three main aspects of the initiative: identifying the forces of change and major strengths of UW-Stout, and its future opportunities.

After many revisions and careful preparation, the Focus 2010 initiative established five main goals:

Prepare students and graduates for success.

Create a learning community that supports and encourages the engagement of its members in active learning.

Achieve national leadership and excellence in educating students in the theory and application of a broad range of technologies.

Strengthen the on-campus organization by focusing on UW-Stout's unique mission with the UW System.

Create a school outside the school enterprise that serves learners statewide, nationally and internationally.

More detail about the Focus 2010 initiative goals can be found at <http://www.uwstout.edu/bpa/focus2010/index2010.htm>.

The Wire

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Upcoming Music - Movies - Games

Events

Thurs, Feb 7, '08:

- Baghdad SCUBA Review, Waterfront Bar & Grill 10pm FREE

Fri, Feb 8, '08:

- "History of the World" @ Mabel Tainter Theatre 7:30pm \$20
- Charlie Parr @ Waterfront 10pm FREE
- Guitar Hero Contest, Poiner Grill and Saloon, 7pm FREE

Sat, Feb 9, '08:

- "Straighten Up and fly right": Nat King Cole Tribute, Mabel Tainter Theatre 7:30pm \$16

Sun Feb 10, '08:

- "Diggin Dinosaurs" @ Rassbach Heritage Museum, Menomonie 1:30pm FREE
- Ultimate Frisbee @ Waterfront 10pm FREE

Tues Feb 12, '08:

- National Darwin Day, The Earth, FREE

Wed Feb 13, '08:

- The Aristocrats, The Market, 10pm FREE

Game Releases

Feb 7th '08:

- Pet Pals: Animal Doctor (DS)

Feb 12th '08:

- Jumper (PS2, X360, Wii)
- London Taxi Rush Hour (Wii)
- Innocent Life: A Futuristic Harvest Moon (PS2)

Feb 19th '08:

- The Club(X360, PS3, PC)
- Dynasty Warriors 6 (X360, PS3)

DVD Releases

Feb 12th, '08:

- We Own the Night (R)
- No Reservations (PG)

Feb 19, '08:

- Michael Clayton (R)
- Valley of Elah (R)
- American Gangster (R)

THE FUTURE of Stout entertainment

An outlook on what BDP has in store for us this semester

Andy Hahn

Staff Writer

Blue Devil Productions is still hard at work to keep you entertained this semester. There are many events still remaining on this semester's calendar spreading over eight musical acts, seven movies, three Open Mic Nights and two comedians. You will have to go out of your way to avoid attending a BDP event before finals week.

Topping the musical acts that will be coming to University of Wisconsin-Stout this semester is hip-hop MC Brother Ali. A past favorite of UW-Stout, Brother Ali has been touring the country promoting his latest album "The Undisputed Truth" which is receiving rave reviews. Reviews in the iTunes Music Store have "The Undisputed Truth" at four and a half stars, the result of 131 total reviews. Make sure you buy tickets in advance for this show if you plan on attending on March 4. Check out Brother Ali's songs at myspace.com/brotherali and on Ruckus.

Rob Paravonian brings his unique musical comedy skills here on March 11. A very entertaining young comedian who has appeared on

Comedy Central's Premium Blend, Paravonian's comedy is a blend of guitar and his desire to be a rock star. One particular YouTube video of Paravonian's, "Pachelbel Rant," has gone exceeded four million views.

"Across the Universe" is the next Friday night movie in the lineup, scheduled for Feb. 22. The film is a love story based heavily on The Beatles, and in fact the movie title and many characters come from their song's titles and lyrics. The movie uses The Beatles music so heavily that over 30 songs are used in the film.

Open Mic Nights are scheduled for Feb. 7, March 13, and April 17 this semester. Showcasing local talent ranging from solo musicians to complete bands, comedians to poets. Anyone who wants to get in front of the microphone is encouraged to sign up.

Finally, make sure to check out bdp.uw-stout.edu for announcements on a large band coming up soon.

For more detailed information on all the events on the schedule go to bdp.uwstout.edu, join their Facebook group or go to myspace.com/bluedevelopments.

Semester of entertainment line-up

February

2.14: Thursday - The Melismatics (right)
performing w/ The Abdomen
2.20: Wednesday - Andy Hendrickson (Comedian)
2.21: Thursday - Chooglin
performing w/ France Has the Bomb
2.22: Friday - Across the Universe



2.28: Thursday
Danceband (left)
performing w/ MC/VL

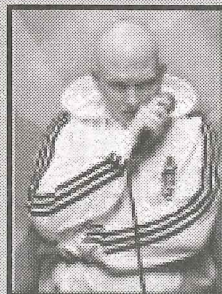


April

4.1: Tuesday - Darfur Now
4.3: Thursday - Alison Scott
Performing w/ Phil Solem
4.11: Friday - Brian Imbus
4.12: Saturday - Mixed Out
4.25: Friday - The Darjeeling Limited

March

3.4: Tuesday - Brother Ali (right)
3.6: Thursday - Kid Dakota
Performing w/ Captain Yonder
3.7: Friday - Into the Wild
3.11: Monday - Rob Paravonian
(Comedian)
3.27: Thursday - Gospel Gossip
3.28: Friday - The Breakfast Club



May

5.1: Thursday - Roma di Luna

Open Mic

Make your own entertainment!
Open Mics, held in the Underground, are scheduled for Feb. 7, March 13, and April 17.

Stout students and sustainability

Nathaniel Fellows

Staff Writer

Menomonie is rich with healthy surroundings - lakes and rivers, acres of farmland and miles of woodland. It is no wonder that the natural beauty of the area spurs protective and preventative care of the earth from its citizens. Faculty, staff and students on campus have come together to take their stance in protecting their environment in the form of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Environmental Sustainability Steering Committee.

The ESS Committee gathers together for environmental events like recycling groups, sustainability seminars and public awareness activities. Currently the committee is hosting a motto contest.

Students and staff may enter the contest individually or as a group. Contestants may enter a motto, an image or both. The image or motto must be relevant to the issues of energy conservation, emissions reduction, waste minimization and storm water management.

The winning motto and image will be displayed on sustainability awards, T-shirts, posters, print and web publications and all other marketing materials produced by the Environmental Sustainability Coordinator and the steering committee.

Mottos and images must be emailed to Raina Clark at clarkra@uwstout.edu, no later than 8:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, 2008.

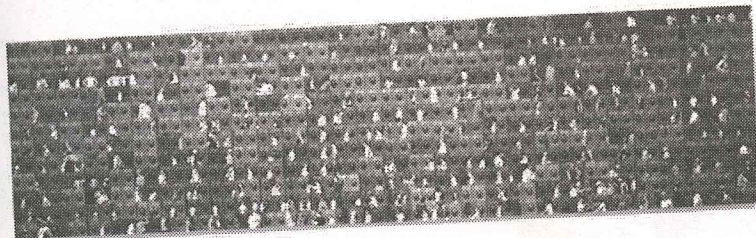
Environmental sustainability is defined as a way of life that supports our planet's ecosystems and meets our needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs.

For more information about the Environmental Sustainability Steering Committee and details about the contest go to their Web site at UWStout.edu/sustainability.

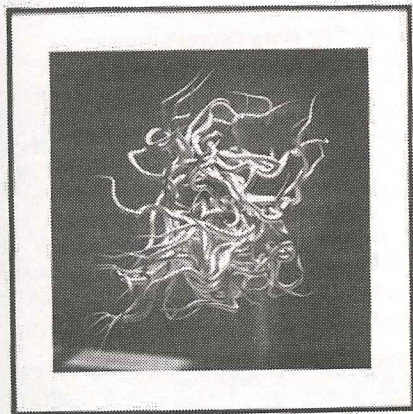


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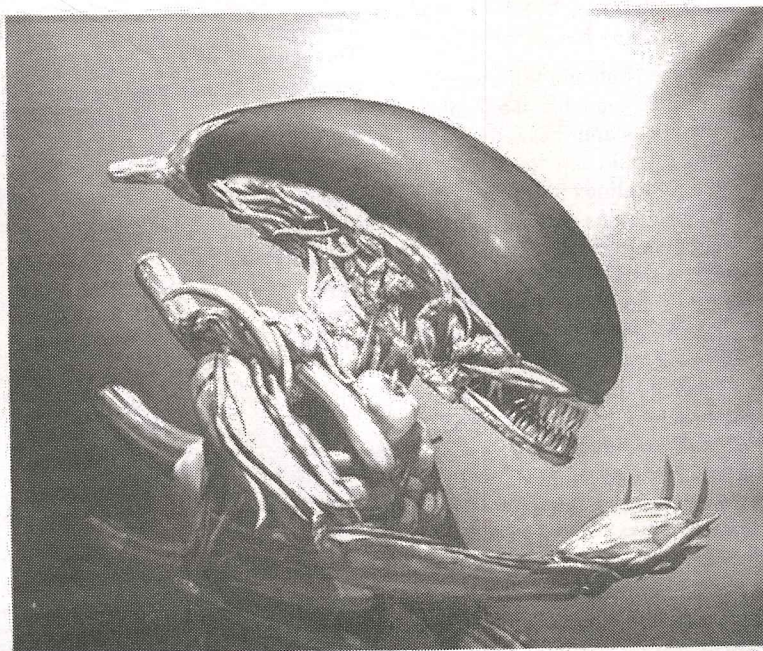
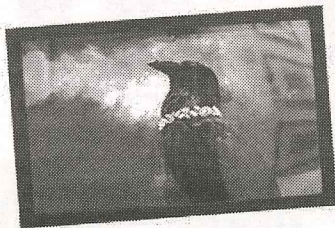
TRAVELING ART IN FURLONG



The Furlong Gallery in Micheels Hall is featuring a traveling exhibition sponsored by the professional and student organization SIGGRAPH.



The show includes digitally executed artwork by different artists from around the world. Artwork clockwise from top left: "Sunday Morning at the City Hall doors" by Copper Frances Giloth of the University of Massachusetts, "Salad" by Till Nowak of Mainz, Germany, "No. 6 from the series 'Thread and Carbon, Oil and Steel'" by Sally Grizzel Larson of Philadelphia, and "Green Streamlines" by Mark Stock of Massachusetts.



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Stoutonia's local band of the week | The Dweebs

Elena Griggs
Staff Writer

The Dweebs will be performing at The Stones Throw in Eau Claire, Wis. Feb. 22. If you enjoy listening to music from popular artists such as Bon Jovi, Kelly Clarkson, Johnny Cash, Green Day or even Blondie, you may want to consider going to their performance at one of the most impressive music clubs in the Chippewa Valley.

The Dweebs are a variety band known for playing hit songs ranging from oldies to current radio hits. Unlike a lot of other bands in today's music scene, the Dweebs don't confine themselves to playing one specific genre of music. Their music spans across every type of musical genre in order to satisfy even the pickiest of music listeners.

Part of what makes this particular band so unique is that it's a highly successful family-based band. Lead vocalists include Michael Blue, son Benjamin and daughter Claire, are all on lead vocals, while son Mike, Jr., is the main drummer for the band.

The only two non-family members of the Dweebs band are T-Bone Coen, who plays the keyboard and Trevor Radtke on bass guitar. Each of the band members sports a pair of super-geeky glasses, in order to keep up their geekiest of geeky image.

This home-grown band is known for playing at a variety of different venues throughout the Midwest such as The Minnesota State Fair, Country Jam U.S.A. (Eau Claire and Grand Junction Radio), Rock Fest, Taste of Minnesota and corporate and community parties.

For anyone who sees MTV's show "Meet or Delete," you may already be familiar with this comical party band. In a recent episode of "Meet or Delete: My New Life Part 2," a band member of "The Dweebs" switched places

with a student from New York.

During this switch, the student from New York got the opportunity to perform live onstage with the rest of the Dweebs band at a local Fun Fest in New Richmond, Wis.



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As a band that has been running strong for nearly 20 years and delighting audiences both young and old, it seems as though they have many many prosperous years ahead of them.

The Stones Throw is considered to be one of the highest-quality entertainment spots in the Chippewa Valley, with their superior sound system, intelligent lighting and genuine atmosphere.

The ticket prices for their upcoming show are \$7 with a valid student I.D. or \$10 for a non-student. The band is set to perform at 9:30 p.m. at The Stones Throw in Eau Claire, Wis., at 304 Eau Claire Street.

There will also be prize giveaways during the performance. With the great atmosphere that this music club provides, you are sure to have an unforgettable experience.

No matter what the musical genre, The Stones Throw is dedicated to bringing in top-quality bands year round. For all of those people who are addicted to the music scene, live music is played at least four nights a week.

If you're interested in finding out more about The Stones Throw and their upcoming shows, their main Web site is Thestonesthrow.com.

To find out more about the Dweebs, further information can be found at their Web site, TheDweebs.com.

Attn nerds: hot chicks, revenge... light sabers

Brian Muller
Staff Writer

For the average Nintendo Wii owner, the majority of titles available at a local Wal-Mart or Best Buy aren't exactly what the normal gamer would call "mature." The Entertainment Ratings Software Board (ESRB) has ratings for each game based on its content. For every game rated "Mature" on the Nintendo Wii, there are probably 20 games rated "Everyone."

This is why the occasional game rated "Mature" is such an eye-catcher. When there are so many sports and kids' games populating the shelves, it's nice to see a game that doesn't care about the kids.

The recently released Nintendo Wii game, "No More Heroes," is a game fit for a mature audience.

The premise of "No More Heroes" follows Travis Touchdown, an average man in his 20s who recently won a light saber-like weapon from an online auction. With this highly lethal weapon in his possession, Travis plans on killing his way through the top-ranked assassin list.

Once he reaches the top, Travis is promised the ultimate nerd's reward: sex with a very attractive woman, who constantly tells Travis he's going to die in her French accent.

It's hard to think "No More Heroes" is anything like the average Nintendo Wii game, and that was just the story concept of it. Instead of trying to be realistic with such an out-there concept, "No More Heroes" shows this world with a highly-stylized graphical engine. And while this game doesn't have the best-looking graphics, it has enough blood to make "Kill Bill" look PG-13.

The strangeness doesn't even end there: to save progress in "No More Heroes," Travis must find a toilet and use it. Usually, this takes place at his motel room, although Travis tends to run into public bathrooms and outhouses in the handiest locations. If nothing else, the wackiness factor is definitely enough to warrant renting this video game.

The game lasts a good ten hours for just accomplishing the required missions, but it can go on for longer if Travis is to experience everything.

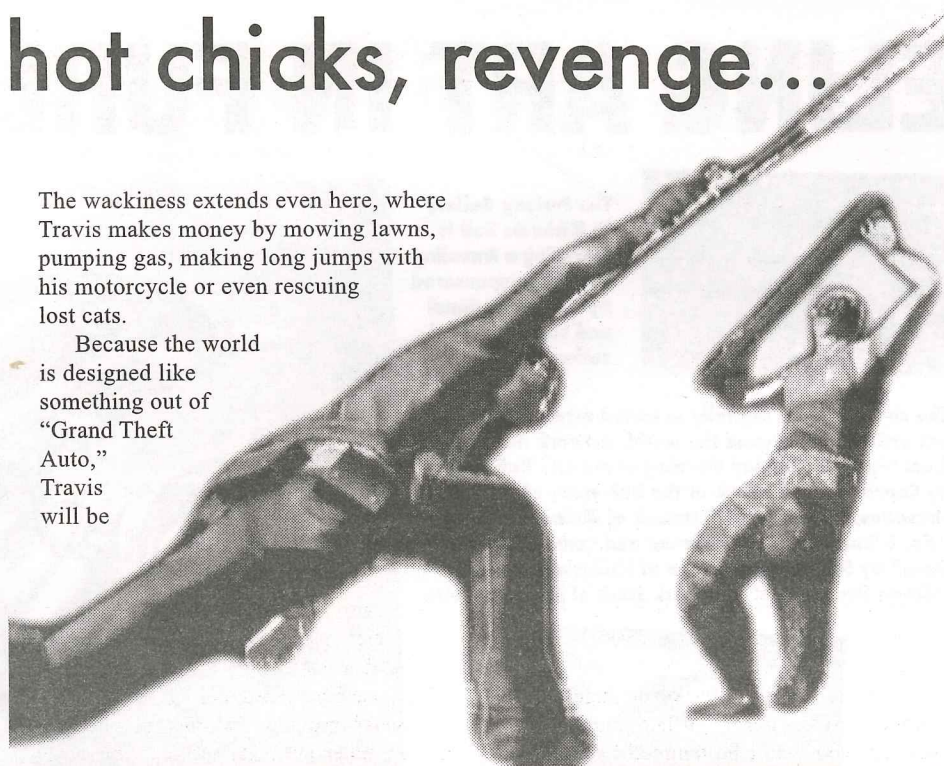
Of course, the gameplay in "No More Heroes" involves killing, and lots of it. Travis's standard attacks are swinging his beam katana, which is as simple as pressing a button.

To kill off an enemy, however, the Wiimote must be swung in the direction indicated onscreen. If swinging a sword gets boring, Travis can employ his wrestling moves to stun and break enemies.

When Travis isn't killing enemies, he's running around the city of Santa Destroy collecting side jobs and making money.

The wackiness extends even here, where Travis makes money by mowing lawns, pumping gas, making long jumps with his motorcycle or even rescuing lost cats.

Because the world is designed like something out of "Grand Theft Auto," Travis will be



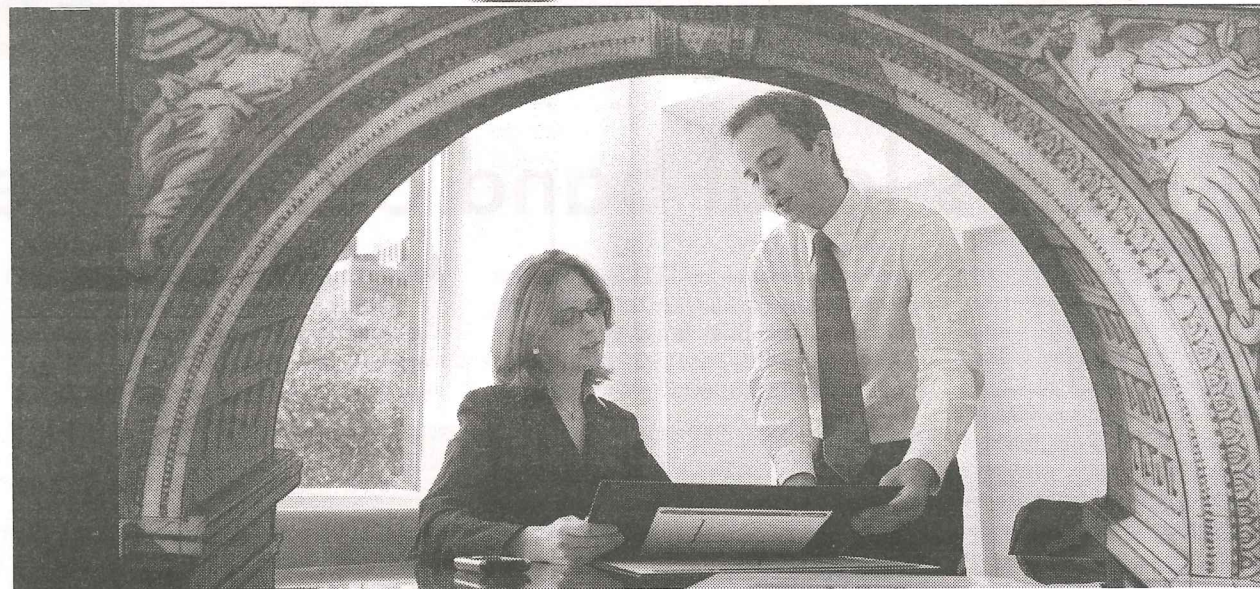
driving between various locations, looking for the next crazy character to give him a side job or assassination mission.

"No More Heroes" is a wonderfully strange game that must be experienced by Nintendo Wii owners. It's currently available at all retailers for \$49.99.

"No More Heroes" is a mature game for the Nintendo Wii.

With a light saber-wielding main character bent on getting revenge and booty, this game satisfies all of those gamers out there who are tired of those "rated E for Everyone" eye sores.

The raunchy storyline and satisfying amount of gore in the game more than make up for "No More Heroes" cheeky graphics.



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Stupid is no excuse: eat like a smart college student

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

The world today is littered with promises of shrunken waist lines and rock hard abs. The new year brings about a rush of determination for millions of Americans to shed weight and make changes to live a healthier life. Now that February has arrived, it's a safe bet that far too many individuals have found themselves once again buried in a bag of stale Doritos, justifying their indulgence as a source of corn.

While it's easy to brush off weight worries and ignore the role a healthy diet plays college students should admit that personal eating and drinking habits are nowhere near as conscientious or controlled as they should be. After all, the college lifestyle presents countless obstacles, whether it be an inability to travel to the store, lack of time or the most glaring: lack of ambition.

Somewhere along the line, the ease and joy of healthy eating became lost in propa-

ganda and lecture notes.

The good news is that shaping healthier eating habits is easier than pulling a caffeine-induced all-nighter. The University of Oregon provides 10 tips (for busy college students) to start eating tastefully:

Eat a good breakfast. Studies show that skipping breakfast detracts from scholastic achievement. When there isn't time to sit down and enjoy your morning meal, grab a bagel, piece of fruit and some juice. Most of these items can be easily stored in your dorm room.

If you must eat fast foods, choose wisely. Choose pizza with half the cheese, a regular-sized roast beef sandwich, baked potato, or green salad with reduced calorie dressing. Limit high fat offerings like french fries, fried chicken or fish sandwiches and watch out for salad dressing.

Keep healthful snacks on hand so if hunger strikes during a late night study session, you won't be tempted by vending

machine candy, chips or ice cream. Possibilities include fresh or dried fruit, pretzels, unbuttered popcorn, rice cakes or whole wheat crackers. If you have a refrigerator, consider raw vegetables with low-fat yogurt or cottage cheese dip.

Eat plenty of foods that are rich in calcium. People in their early 20s need to be building up stores of calcium in their bodies to prevent osteoporosis in later life. If you don't like milk, try to include ample amounts of low-fat yogurt, low-fat cheese and green leafy vegetables in your diet.

If you need to lose weight, do it sensibly. Starvation and/or diets that offer a quick fix usually backfire and are harmful. There is not truth to the theories that suggest eating foods in any particular combination will promote weight loss. The only safe way to lose weight, feel good while doing it and keep it off is to eat a balanced diet.

Sugar provides calories in your diet but few other nutrients and contributes sig-

nificantly to tooth decay. Use it sparingly and consider sweetening coffee, tea, cereal and fruit with diet sweeteners instead.

Depending upon how you choose from it, the dining hall salad bar can be an asset or a detriment to your diet. Of course, leafy greens, raw vegetable and fresh fruit are beneficial for your health. However, if you choose a lot of creamy dressing, bacon bits, and mayonnaise-based salads, the calories and fat may equal or even exceed those of a burger and fries.

If you drink alcohol, keep in mind that it supplies calories but no nutritional value. A light beer, a glass of wine or an ounce of liquor each have about 100 calories. There are also many health problems associated with drinking alcohol.

Drink lots of water. Your body needs at least eight glasses a day, and if you exercise vigorously, you may need more. To remind yourself, carry a water bottle along to class and keep it handy during late night study sessions.

Quick tips for healthy choices

- Bananas are a great source of sustained energy during the day.
- Whole grain cereal (Cheerios) and milk (skim-1%)
- Yogurt and fresh fruit or fruit juice (VB offers a variety of delicious fruit and vegetable juices that count toward the daily recommended servings).
- Peanut butter on wheat crackers (also try flavored butters, such as apple or almond).
- Dried fruit and nut mix (look for a variety of choices at The Pawn).
- Raw vegetables with cottage cheese, yogurt, or low-fat dressings (for extra ease, buy pre-packaged servings).
- Light microwave popcorn (mini-bags and 100 calorie bags are now available for wiser snacking).
- Baked chips, such as Baked Lays (portion a large bag into individual servings to keep from over indulging while also providing a great way to add to an on-the-go lunch).
- Bagels with low-fat cream cheese (this is an excellent alternative to muffins, and is just as easy to pick up on the go from one of the expressway carts).
- Low-fat string cheese (pair with summer sausage or lean beef snack stick for a great source of protein).
- Sorbet (this fruity dessert is a great way to finish a meal. Look for individual servings of sorbet and other low-fat, low calorie fruit based desserts, such as Italian ice).
- Pretzels (look for flavored pretzels or low-fat pretzel dips to offer variety).
- All-Bran isn't just a fiber cereal anymore. Look for their new flavored crackers for a low calorie snack that is also a great source of fiber.

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Women's basketball tied for third in WIAC

by Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout had an impressive victory against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Feb. 2, winning with a score of 79-60.

Sophomore Julia Hirssig scored a career high 27 points during the game, 16 of which came in the first half. The Titans were unable to stop her in the paint. Midway through the first half the Blue Devils pulled ahead with a double digit lead. UW-Stout was able to hold that lead until the end of the first half when the score was 39-27. At the start of the second half UW-Oshkosh was starting to cut into the Blue Devils lead.

Pulling the lead to within six points with five minutes left, putting the score at 62-56, after a shot was made by UW-Oshkosh's Whitney Tyriver who led UW-Oshkosh with 18 points.

Junior Lindsey Gerber answered right back after hitting a 3-point shot when sophomore Kim Stokke stole the ball. Stokke was fouled and made both free throws to give UW-Stout a 67-56 lead.

Hirssig was 11 of 16 from the field and five of six on free throws, added in eight rebounds and two assists. Junior Charlee Edwards added in 13 points. The Titans shot 34.5 percent from the field while the Blue Devils shot 51.7 percent.

UW-Stout squeezed out a victory against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville on Jan. 16 with a 69-61 score. The Blue Devils were in the lead most of the second half.

The Pioneers pulled the lead to within one point multiple times with three minutes left to play. A tip in from Hirssig with 3:06 remaining in the game allowed UW-Stout the lead for the remaining play. She also added in a shot with 1:11 left to play to give the Blue Devils a 62-59 lead.

To put the game away, UW-Stout went to the free-throw line where senior Joanna Bird made four free throws and senior Lindsey Geissler made three free throws. Hirssig had a career-high 21 points in the game, 12 came in the second half.

Because of her play in the win over UW-Platteville, Hirssig was given the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play of

the week award. In one week she scored 32 points, shot 66.7 percent from the field, had 12 rebounds and seven steals.

Currently, she is averaging 14.2 points and 8.5 rebounds per game. Both are team highs. She helped the Blue Devils go 2-0 in conference play that week.

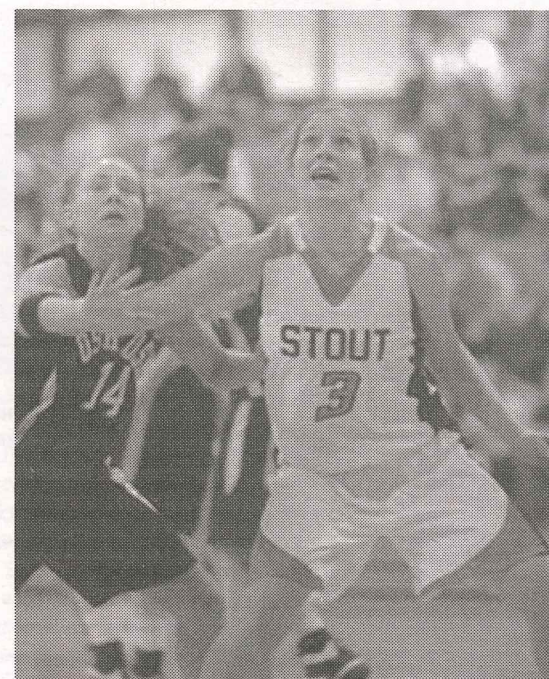
The Blue Devils easily rolled over the University of Wisconsin-Superior Yellowjackets on Jan. 23 with a score of 80-43.

The first five shots that UW-Stout had were 3-pointers. After ten seconds into the game, Gerber gave UW-Stout the lead that lasted the entire game.

At one point during the game the Blue Devils led by as much as 45 points. Gerber finished with 12 points, all of which were three-point shots and all in the first half. She tied with Geissler for a game high, who also added in 12 points.

This was Gerber's first career start for the Blue Devils, and she added in six assists. Hirssig shot perfect from the field adding in 11 points and had a team high five rebounds.

With five games left in the regular season play, UW-Stout is tied for third in WIAC with a conference record of 7-3 and an overall record of 13-6. The Blue Devils are tied with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.



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UW-Stout's sophomore Julia Hirssig looks to grab an offensive rebound against UW-Oshkosh.

The streak is over!

by Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

For a basketball team that has seemingly fallen as far as a team could fall, the University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils are on the rise again as they snapped their 12 game losing streak with a victory over the University of Wisconsin-Superior, they have since gone 2-2 after the 12 game skid.

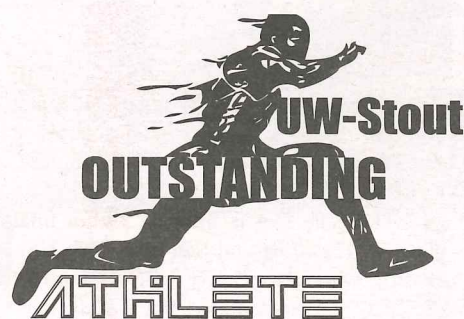
UW-Superior (W 79-64): Facing a team who was undergoing some struggles of its own, the Blue Devils saw this as an opportunity to grab their first conference win of the season and to break their embarrassing losing streak. The victory was also fueled by a team that was looking to get back to the basics by playing shutdown defense. Their over-achieving defense was able to limit UW-Superior to an astonishing 2-23 clip from three-point land. The game's leading scorer was Miles Webb, who led the team with 22 points. This boosted his conference-leading total of 18.8 points per game.

UW-Platteville (L 68-77): Trying to build off the momentum from the previous game's victory, the Blue Devils tank was just short as they were unable to mount a lead after coming back from as many as 21 points down. A new face came from the bench to provide the scoring spark that the Blue Devils desperately needed. Leading scorer Miles Webb was struggling from

the field, so freshman guard Eric Hostetter added 20 points to the cause on 8-9 shooting. His efficiency helped UW-Stout almost come back to claim victory. Last year's leading scorer Jerrel Enerson-Matthews added 15 points in the game.

UW-Barron County (W 99-55): In a game featuring the varsity reserves, an old face was present to provide a dominating performance. Center Jesse Piehl utilized his 7-foot frame to attack the basket and lead the way with 24 points. This is the second stint with UW-Stout for Piehl as he played for a community college in Michigan last year. He was one of five players in double digits, joining guards Brandon White-Blackmon, Jerrod Buchholtz and De'Ante Michaud to go along with forward Chris Jardine. They scored 17, 12, 10 and 11 points respectively.

UW-Oshkosh (L 61-78): With the starters well rested and ready to play, UW-Stout figured it could match up with the Titans of Oshkosh quite well. It was able to hang with the Titans early in the game until timely three-pointers by Titans player Matt Miller and opportunistic runs by UW-Oshkosh in the second half proved to be the nail in the coffin. The Blue Devils leading scorer was Miles Webb with 25 points. For the next game, the Blue Devils will be focusing on their shooting efficiency as they converted 35 percent of field goal opportunities.

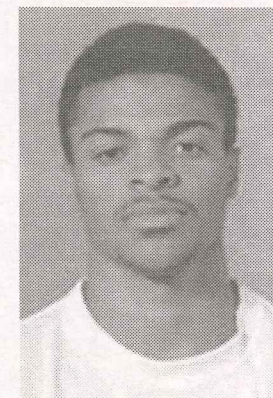


Kendall Wade

This junior from Milwaukee Wis. is a business major. In high school, Wade was all-conference and all-state in track. He was also one of his high school's team captains in football and track and field. In his spare time, Wade

enjoys playing football, bowling, fishing, cooking, and playing video games with his friends.

The Blue Devil men's track and field team participated in the Bowlus Open on February 2nd. It was here where Wade scored second in the high jump, with a jump of 6-feet, 5-inches. This was the best high jump by a UW-Stout athlete since the 2002 indoor season. Wade also finished the day first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.86 seconds.



NFC North Recap

By Ryan McGlennen
Sports Editor

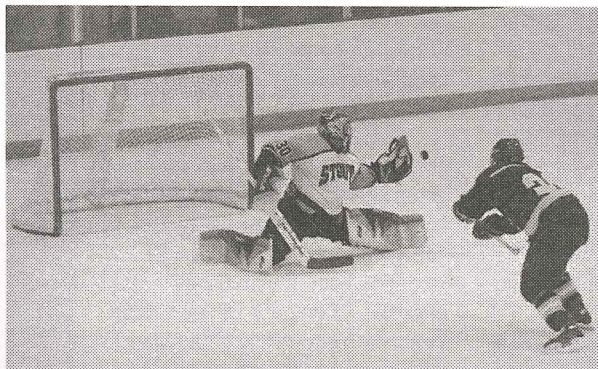
Packers: Brett Favre's return to the NFL for his 17th season this year made millions of Cheeseheads excited about the 2007-08 season. Although expectations were not high, Favre managed to put up numbers unseen in the last half decade. I personally believe that Greg Jennings was the biggest sleeper in this year of fantasy football. Tied for fourth in the league for touchdown receptions with 12, Jennings provides youth in an aging wide out corps. Packers running back Ryan Grant was an absolute steal from the NY Giants, helping improve their nonexistent running game and advancing the Packers to the playoffs with a 13-3 record. We now play the waiting game again, waiting for Favre to decide whether or not to once again return to the NFL.

Vikings: The selection of Oklahoma running back Adrian Peterson, the seventh overall pick in the 2007 draft, gave light to Minnesota's squandering offense. Troy Williamson had yet another lackluster season, leaving the public to question whether or not he will remain on the team roster next year. With Sidney Rice emerging as a rising star, Williamson's chances of being a Viking next year are grim. Tarvaris Jackson is not the future; I see the Vikings going after quarterback Donovan McNabb in the offseason to improve their 28-ranked passing offense. Ending the season at an even eight and eight, the Vikings look to advance to the offseason next year.

Bears: After losing to Peyton Manning's Indianapolis Colts in the Super Bowl last year, expectations were high coming into the 2007-08 season for the Bears. To the surprise of few, the Bears fell apart this season, ending fourth in the NFC North with a record of 7-9. Let's face it, Rex Grossman is far too injury-prone; the Bears are most likely going to battle with the Vikings this off season for Donovan McNabb. If that doesn't work, they may decide to go young, selecting either Louisville's Brian Brohm or Kentucky's Andre Woodson with their first selection in this year's draft.

Lions: With the drafting of Georgia Tech's Calvin Johnson, the Detroit Lions have solidified their wide receiver corps for the next decade, along with Roy Williams. However, quarterback Jon Kitna is a fossil and their other quarterback Drew Stanton doesn't have a "big league arm." It's evident that there could be a better guy under center in Detroit, but I don't see this problem being addressed via free agency or the NFL draft. After starting strong only to falter when it really counted, the Lions ended up third in the NFC North with a record of 7-9.

Rollercoaster ride of a season



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UW-Stout's senior goaltender Mike Stone makes a glove save against St. Scholastica on Friday, Jan. 25.

By Michael Broetzmann
Staff Writer

The Men's Hockey Team continues their rollercoaster ride of a season with a few wins, a loss and a tie over the past few weeks.

The sight of a repeat conference championship is fading quickly as they have not been picking up any ground on conference rivals St. Norbert's of River Falls.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout started strong in their first weekend of play as they posted an impressive victory over St. Scholastica at home. UW-Stout was down quickly in the first as St. Scholastica

came out of the gates fast and put a power play goal into the net with just under three minutes into the game.

UW-Stout would not let their lead last though as they came back in the second period to put in two goals and then one more in the third to wrap up a 3-1 win. Scoring for the Blue Devils was Ben Bengston, Jake Erickson and Andy Sternberg.

UW-Stout traveled up to the University of Wisconsin-Superior the following day to take on the Yellow-jackets with hopes of avenging a loss from earlier in the season. Their aspirations did not come true though, as the outcome of the game ended up being a loss for the Blue Devils again as UW-Superior put a goal in the net late in the third.

In the goal for the Blue Devils was Mike Stone, last year's all conference goalie, who has been showing his face late in the season for UW-Stout. He put up an impressive 30 saves, but still allowed one to slip by to give UW-Stout the loss.

Last weekend marked a highly anticipated match against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, which was also tied into

the Campus' "Frost Fest" celebrations that were taking place all week. UW-Stout posted an impressive 4-1 win over the Blugolds.

Putting up goals for the Blue Devils was Andy Sternberg, Andy Hanson, Scott Motz and UW-Stout's leading scorer Joel Gaulrapp, who put his 16 goal in the net for the team.

Finally, the team was held to a tie on the road at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, as they were unable to edge a tough Pointer team who has recently been on a ten-game winning streak, which included a tie against St. Norbert's and a win over number six-ranked University of Wisconsin-River Falls. The Blue Devils and the Pointers alike were only able to get one puck in the net.

After all is said and done, the UW-Stout squad sits in a respectable third place in NCHA with a conference record of 6-4-1 in conference play and a 14-6-2 record overall. If the team has any hope of a conference championship, they need to win out the rest of the season and need St. Norbert to lose the rest of their games.

UW-Stout will be in action this weekend, as they play host to Lake Forest and St. Norberts College on Friday and Saturday respectively. Next weekend they will hit the road to finish up the regular season at UW-River Falls.

Gymnastics begins season with a first place finish

by Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout finished third behind two National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I schools at the San Jose Triangular meet in San Jose, Calif. on Feb. 1.

The Blue Devils finished with a final score of 179.00 behind San Jose State University, who placed first with a score of 192.525, and Sacramento State University who placed second with a score of 191.45.

UW-Stout's highest finisher was sophomore Meghan Hargens who placed seventh on the uneven bars with a score of 9.15 and sixth in the all-around with a score of 37.05.

Four gymnasts scored personal bests during this tournament: sophomores Angela Blankenship on the uneven bars with a score of 8.625, Rachel Manz on the balance beam with 8.275, Morgan Trumble on floor exercise with a 9.375 and freshman Megan Dahl on floor exercise with a 9.175.

UW-Stout placed first at its home John Zuerlein Invitational tournament on Jan. 25. This was the Blue Devils' first tournament win since February 2003. The team finished with a score of 178.825.

Hargens won the uneven bars with a score of 9.35 where she broke her own record that she set the week before. She also won the vault with a 9.275 and the all-around event with a 36.750. Freshman Naomi DeLara won the balance beam with a 9.50 and finished second on the floor exercise with a 9.375.

Senior Ashley Timm tied with Hargens on the all-around event with a 36.750, and placed second on the vault with a 9.175 and balance beam with a 9.425. Because of her performance at the John Zuerlein Invitational, Timm was honored as the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference gymnast of the week.

While UW-Stout wasn't able to pull off a win against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Jan. 18, the team was able to break a school record with a final score of 181.850-184.475.

The previous record was 178.325. Hargens also broke a school record on the uneven bars with a 9.30. The previous record was 9.225.

Even though Hargens broke the school record, she was unable to win the event and placed second. She did win the all-around event with a 37.325. She had a second place finish on vault with a 9.45, seventh on the

balance beam with a 9.10, and third on the floor with a 9.475.

DeLara finished second on the floor with a 9.50, Timm finished third in the all-around with a 36.675, and sophomore Angela Blankenship was third on the beam with a 9.275.

In the dual meet with Winona State University on Jan. 11, UW-Stout was not able to pull off a victory and lost 172.70-178.625. DeLara took two first place finishes in her debut meet on the Blue Devil squad.

She placed first on the balance beam, breaking the school record with a 9.675 and she also placed first on the floor with a 9.725. Hargens placed second on the floor with a 9.40 and the all-around with a 36.275, and placed third on the uneven bars with an 8.625. Freshman Megan Roller placed fourth on the uneven bars with an 8.175.

This season the Blue Devils are welcoming eight freshmen to the team along with seven returning members. There are only two seniors on the team this year including first team All-American Timm.

UW-Stout will travel to UW-Oshkosh on Feb. 8 for a dual meet. The Blue Devils will host a triangular meet on Feb. 15 with UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse.

18-1 isn't quite as fun | Giants defeat the undefeated

by Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

The New England Patriots achieved many records and accomplishments in the 2007 NFL season, such as: highest scoring offense (589 pts), most touchdowns (75) to go along with the individual accomplishments of Tom Brady, most passing touchdowns in a season, and Randy Moss, most receiving touchdowns in a season (23).

The one achievement that will forever remain in the minds of these players is becoming the first team to win 18 games and lose the championship.

There have been several teams to finish the season 18-1, but that was due to a 15-1 regular season followed by three playoff wins.

In the weeks leading up to Super Bowl XLII, a lot of hype surrounded the game because of the potential to see a team complete the regular and postseason without a single loss since the 1972 Miami Dolphins accomplished that feat with a 17-0 record, culminating with a victory in Super Bowl VII.

Since both teams had two weeks to prepare for the biggest game of their lives, the media was on a feeding frenzy, looking for anything that might indicate which team had the upper hand.

Tom Brady's ankle, the marriage proposal by Ines Gomez of TV Azteca, NY Giants' Plaxico Burress' prediction (23-17), and the ultimate pursuit of perfection were several story lines that were beaten into the heads of anyone who would listen.

Besides the prediction of Burress,

most of the media attention was focused on New England and the history that they might make.

The timing of his prediction was also spun up in a negative way toward the Giants due to the fact that the past four players to guarantee victory all fell short and embarrassed their teams.

All of this attention toward the Patriots was just what the Giants needed to stage one of the greatest upsets of all time.

In the last game of the regular season in which these two teams met, the Patriots squeezed out their sixteenth and final win of the regular season, but not without a heck of a fight from the Giants.

The final score was 38-35 and the game was filled with big plays by each of the teams' marquee players. Even though the Giants were a field goal away from victory, they still remained 12-point underdogs in the point spread.

With the national anthem sung and the five F-14 jets having flown over, a football game was left to be played. The Giants won the toss and chose to receive the ball. They took their time and orchestrated the longest opening drive in Super Bowl history.

While it only culminated in a field goal, the Giants were satisfied with the fact that they kept New England's aging defense on the field for the game's first 10 minutes.

New England responded to this scoring drive with one of their own. Their first offensive possession was bolstered by a 43-yard kick return by Laurence Maroney and was ended when Maroney plunged

across the goal line for a 7-3 lead at the start of the second quarter.

Given the way the game started, it seemed we would be in for another shootout similar to their regular season finale.

That couldn't be further from the truth, as both teams' defenses dominated the rest of the game until the fourth quarter. The Giants had a chance to score their first touchdown in the second quarter, but Eli Manning threw his first interception of the postseason when Steve Smith failed to snag a pass and it deflected right into the hands of Ellis Hobbs, the last person to intercept Manning.

After trading punts and turnovers for the better part of the game, the fourth quarter proved dramatic. The Giants wound up with the ball in the beginning of the quarter, marched 80 yards in seven plays that ended with unsung hero David Tyree beating Rodney Harrison on a slant for a 5-yard touchdown grab that gave them a 10-7 lead.

It was also the game's first score since the Maroney touchdown on the first play of the second quarter. The teams then proceeded to trade three and outs before the Patriots found themselves on their own 20 with 7:30 to play. Regular season MVP Tom Brady then went to work, dissecting the New York secondary for a barrage of completions.

The offense would not be denied again as Brady hit a wide open Randy Moss for a touchdown following the slip of a New York defender.

This gave them a 14-10 lead with 2:39 left in regulation. The career of Eli Man-

ning would soon be defined by a play that now ranks as one of the top three in Super Bowl history.

Facing a third and five, Manning dropped back and it seemed as if would fall victim to the relentless pass rush of the Patriots, but at the last moment Manning spun left, pulled himself out of the black hole that would soon crush him, ran toward the right sideline, planted his feet and heaved a 32-yard pass that David Tyree amazingly pulled down while he had Harrison draped all over him.

The play was completed due to the fact that Tyree pinned the ball to his helmet with his right hand while cushioning the fall with his left arm. Given the excitement of that play alone, it was amazing that there was still a little football left to play.

With the time remaining, Eli calmly converted another third down with 35 seconds left on the clock, which was followed by the perfect rainbow pass to who else but Mr. Prediction himself, Plaxico Burress. The touchdown gave the Giants the winning margin at 17-14, which would be the final score as Tom Brady was unable to engineer any last ditch comeback attempt.

The MVP wound up being Eli Manning who joins his brother Peyton as the only siblings ever to win Super Bowl MVPs. The victory also established Eli Manning as one of football's elite quarterbacks after his first four seasons were marred with mediocrity.

As for the losing team, this season can only be seen as a failure. The impossible pursuit of perfection will remain as such, at least for this Patriots team.

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The UW-Stout men's track and field team had several competitors place in the top four at the Warren Bowlus Open on Saturday Feb. 2. UW-Stout's junior Kendall Wade placed second in the high jump, with a jump of 6-feet, 5-inches. It was the highest jump from a UW-Stout competitor since the 2002 season. Wade also finished the 200-meter dash in first place with a time of 22.86 seconds.

Next meet: Saturday, Feb. 9 in the Border Battle at 12 p.m.



Women's Basketball

Record: 14-7

The UW-Stout women's basketball team has been on a roll recently, winning their third straight game against UW-Oshkosh on Saturday, Feb. 2. UW-Stout's freshman Julia Hirssig scored a career high 27 points in their win against UW-Oshkosh, 79-60. Hirssig ended the day 11-of-16 from the field, and made five of her six free throws. UW-Stout's junior guard Charlee Edwards contributed with 13 points. The women's Blue Devil basketball team shot 51.7 percent from that floor that night.

Next Game: (Home) Saturday, Feb. 9 against UW-Whitewater at 3 p.m.



Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 14-7-2

The Blue Devil men's hockey team continued their successful season with a win over UW-Eau Claire on Friday, Feb. 1. Even though they tied UW-Stevens Point 1-1 in overtime, the game showed what senior goalie Mike Stone could do. Allowing only one goal on 30 shots on goal, Stone tallied 29 saves throughout the game. The Blue Devil hockey team looks to improve their record against St. Norbert this weekend.

Next Game: (Home) Friday, Feb. 8 against Lake Forest at 7:30 p.m.



Men's Basketball

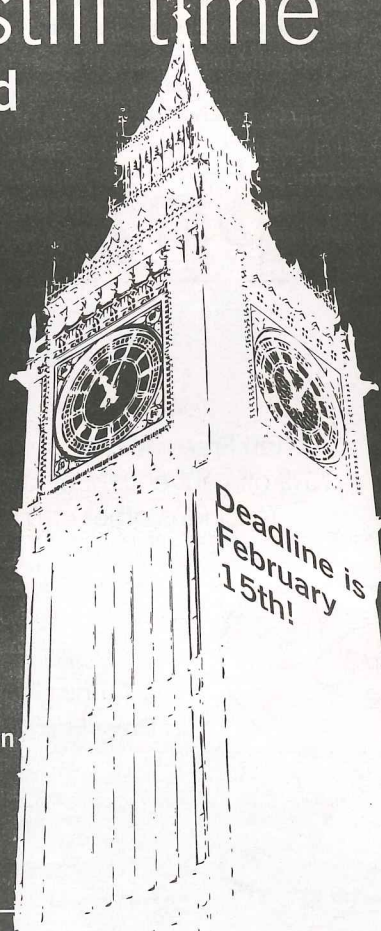
Record: 5-16

The Blue Devil men's basketball team managed to break their twelve game losing streak against UW-Superior on Wednesday, Jan 23. In the meantime the Blue Devils have lost two of their past three games.

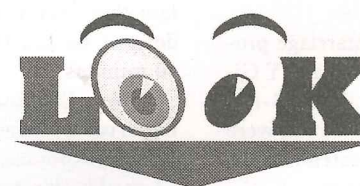
Next game: (Away) Saturday, Feb. 9 against UW-Whitewater at 5 p.m.

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- Support Group for Sexual Assault Survivors. 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Room 425, Bowman Hall

- Interviewing workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

- 69th Annual Chamber Banquet and Awards Night. 5 p.m. social hour. 6:30 p.m. dinner. Off Broadway Banquet Center, Menomonie

- Gamma Sigma Sigma. 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Basement of CKTO

Friday, February 8

- Ice Softball 2008 - 33rd Annual Kappa Lambda Beta Ice Softball Tournament. 8 p.m. Ba Da Bingz and Lakeside Park, Menomonie

Sunday, February 10

- Family Fun Day. A Benefit for Mike Bonse. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Menomonie D.A.V.

- Diggin Dinosaurs by Paleo Joe Kchodl. 1:30 p.m. Rassbach Heritage Museum,

Tuesday, February 12

- International Students - How to find a Co-op/ Internship workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, February 13

- Brown Bag Luncheon/ Roundtable (Bring your own lunch). 12:20 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Cedar and Maple Rooms, MSC

- International Students - How to find a Co-op/ Internship workshop. 2:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

- Resume Writing workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Admini. Building

- Women's Climbing Night. Cost: \$5 non-members, free members. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation Center

Thursday, February 14

- Valentine's Day

- A Valentine's Day Special meal - Steak and Shrimp. 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Commons Dining Hall. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tainter Dining Hall

- Job Search Strategies workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

Tuesday, February 19

- Night on the Town meal. 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Commons Dining Hall. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tainter Dining Hall

- How to Find a Co-op/ Internship workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, February 20

- Interviewing workshop. 3:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

- Wine Tasting Event. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Zanzibar Restaurant and Pub, Menomonie

Entertainment

Thursday, February 7

- Open Mic Night 8 pm The Underground MSC

Friday, February 8

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Friday, February 8

- Gymnastics @ UW-Oshkosh. 7 p.m.

- Hockey vs. Lake Forest. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 9

- Men and Women's Track Border Battle. noon

- Women's Basketball vs. UW-Whitewater. 3 p.m.

- Men's Basketball vs. UW-Whitewater. 5 p.m.

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Wednesday, February 13

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Friday, February 15

- Gymnastics vs. UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse. 6 p.m.

- Hockey @ UW-River Falls. 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 16

- Men and Women's Track @ Lake Superior Challenge (St. Scholastica), Duluth, MN. 11 a.m.

- Women's Basketball @ UW-La Crosse. 3 p.m.

- Men's Basketball @ UW-La Crosse. 7 p.m.

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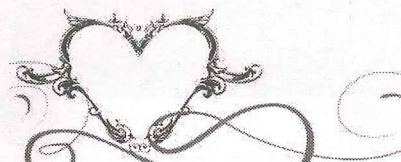
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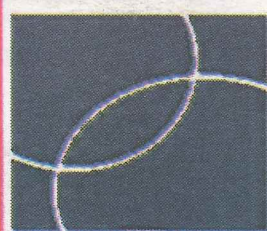
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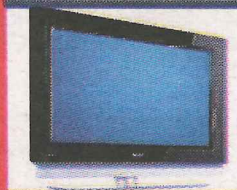


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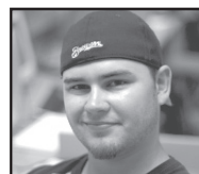




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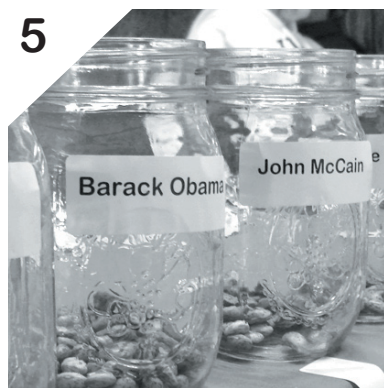
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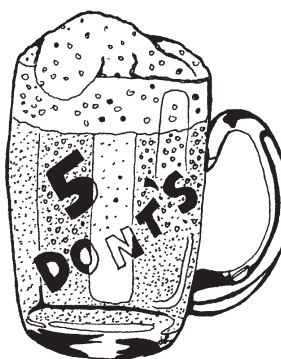
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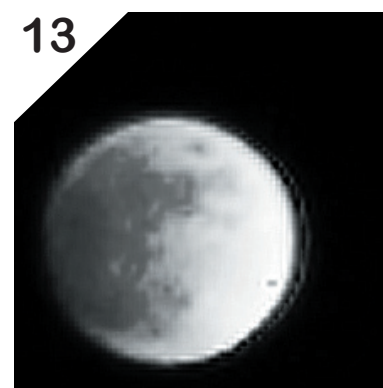
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Deter. Detect. Defend | How to avoid identity theft

Lauren Jacobson
Staff Writer

Brian Hagen of the Menomonie Police Department, answers questions about how to protect yourself.

Q. What are some precautionary measures students and faculty/staff can take to protect themselves from identity theft?

A big one that a lot of people overlook is keeping dorm rooms and offices locked. It's easy to forget to do that, but someone could easily walk into an unlocked room and steal credit cards out of a wallet or off of a desk. When shopping online, always use trusted Web sites and make sure they are all secure. To check for security, look at the Web browser and find the little lock on the lower left corner of the screen. Secure Web sites also include an "s" on their Web address after the "http," so it would read "https." Never send out information over the Internet unless you initiate the communication. Remember to never reply to spam e-mails requesting personal information.

Q. How do people get my credit card numbers?

For example, at a place like a restaurant where a server physically takes your card away from the table, they or someone else could copy information directly from the card. People are also using credit card skimmers, a device that is used to store information after a card has been swiped. The information is uploaded onto a memory card and then the user downloads the information later. Actual theft of a credit card is still a large problem, too.

Q. Am I responsible to pay back what someone stole?

Not typically. Most banks and credit card companies offer protection for the customer. Some credit card companies or banks could hold you liable for up to \$50 of the charges. If fraudulent charges do occur, some paperwork is required and most banks ask their customer to come in. An affidavit of fraud form is typically required. This states that you did not incur any of the charges made fraudulently to your account.

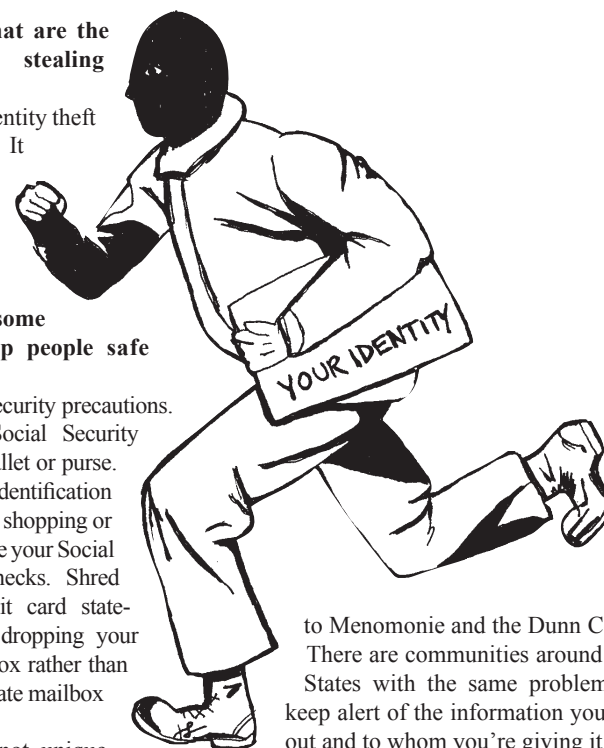
Q. If caught, what are the consequences of stealing identities?

Credit card and identity theft is a serious crime. It is a felony charge with either prison time or large fines attached to it.

Q. Do you have some advice to help keep people safe from identity theft?

Remember basic security precautions. Never carry your Social Security card with you in a wallet or purse. Only take necessary identification and credit cards while shopping or travelling. Never write your Social Security number on checks. Shred all preapproval credit card statements and consider dropping your mail in a collection box rather than placing it in your private mailbox for the postal worker.

This problem is not unique



to Menomonie and the Dunn County area. There are communities around the United States with the same problem. Always keep alert of the information you are giving out and to whom you're giving it to.

Soldiers need love too

Jenna Stobbe
Staff Writer

During Valentine's week, some University of Wisconsin-Stout students decided to put a smile on the faces of people other than their sweethearts.

Through UW-Stout's new program Legacy Interns, Megan Schwandt is the second UW-Stout student to participate in leaving behind a trail that will help others. Schwandt came up with the idea to help soldiers who are away from their families after a personal relationship with a deployed soldier.

"I have had a friend that spent 1 year in Iraq and it made me realize that there are a lot of people who don't have very much support," said Schwandt.

With help from Mary McManus, UW-Stout's Assistant Director of University Centers, Schwandt was able to connect with Soldiers' Angels.

Soldiers' Angels is a volunteer-based organization founded by Patti Patton-Bader, mother of Sgt. Brandon Varn, who recently returned home from a years' deployment to Iraq. Soldiers' Angels mission is to provide aide and comfort to the men and women of the United States Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and the Coast Guard and their amazing families.



gathering4soldiers.wordpress.com/

UW-Stout students can put a much needed smile on the face of soldiers just by simply writing letters detailing their daily lives.

Soldiers' Angels will be responsible for sending UW-Stout's letters to deployed soldiers, just as they have done with tens of thousands of

care packages and hundreds of thousands of letters since the organization was founded.

Schwandt suggests writing letters about

yourself and home as well as making homemade cards. Other possible suggestions include writing about where you live, your day, if you have any pets, or anything that is friendly and supportive of the sacrifices the soldiers have made. The ultimate goal of writing these letters is so the soldier can hear positive feedback from their fellow Americans; Schwandt suggests you do not write about politics, religion or personal problems.

"I think it's important for people to differentiate between support for individual soldiers and support for the war. They are two very different things," explained Schwandt. "Also, if people want to be sure they get unbiased, accurate information about what's happening, what better way than to get it directly from the front lines?"

So far, Schwandt has received only five letters from UW-Stout. The letters Schwandt collected were from a booth set up during Valentine's week outside of the Pawn. You can find other ideas on how you can support deployed soldiers by visiting www.soldiersangels.org.

If anyone would like to continue writing letters, they can be dropped off at the SOC desk located in the lower level of the MSC. If you would like to learn more about the Legacy Interns program, go to www.uwstout.edu/getinvolved/legacy.html.

Pimp my Commons

Merle M. Price Commons second floor to receive a MAJOR overhaul!

Amanda Katz
Staff Writer

Look out students, the Commons is getting a makeover!

The University of Wisconsin-Stout accepted final approval for a \$3.975 million remodeling project of the Merle Price Commons Dining Hall on Friday, Feb. 8 from the UW System Board of Regents.

The project is not only aimed at the satisfaction of faculty and staff, but their safety as well. During the remodeling period, all remaining asbestos will be removed from the building. Much of it was removed in earlier projects, but some still remains in certain areas of the building that were too difficult to reach without a complete remodeling project.

The Commons was built in 1968 and to this day the original appliances are being utilized, and the mechanical and electrical systems are outdated. After the remodeling, the dining hall will be much more energy efficient.

All seven of the coolers that currently accommodate the dining hall are powered by

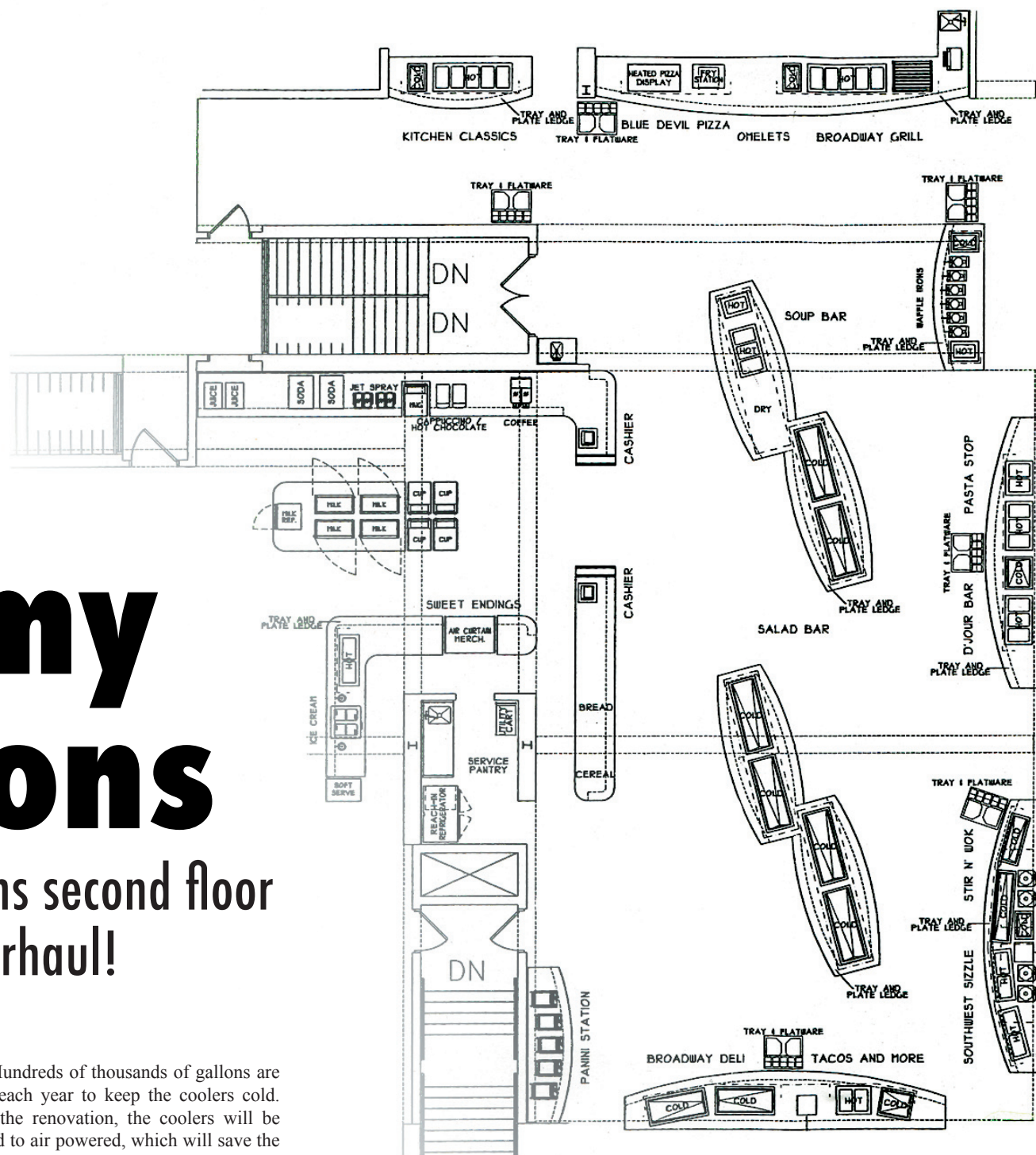
water. Hundreds of thousands of gallons are wasted each year to keep the coolers cold. During the renovation, the coolers will be switched to air powered, which will save the school huge amounts of money and energy. This is just one example of many that will be done to conserve energy.

By now, students are probably asking themselves, "so, what does this do for me?" Well, it makes the dining experience as a whole much better. The dining hall will offer a larger selection and variety of foods.

The remodeled dining hall will offer many of the same meal choices it does now, including deli items, pizza, tacos, salad bar, omelets, grill items and waffles to name a few, but new items will also be added.

A grill-your-own panini station is one of the planned additions. Students can choose their own toppings and grill their panini to perfection. Another new station will be the d'jour station. This station will include experimental items such as organic foods and vegetarian options.

Not only will the wider variety of menu items benefit students, but plans are also in place to change the atmosphere of the hall.



Submitted Floor Plan

The newly remodeled commons will house such new additions as a Panini grilling station and a D'Jour station featuring organic and vegetarian treats.

Seating arrangements will be drastically changed. Booths will also accommodate those who want privacy. Tables for two will seat you and your best friend, your boyfriend or girlfriend or anyone you plan to take to lunch. Bench seating will run along the window for single dining students who would like to do homework or surf the Web while they eat. Large tables will also be provided for groups of students who wish to eat together. A warmer Midwest theme is also going to be applied with decorating materials such as soap stone and granite being used in place of the current stainless steel look.

Ann Thies, director of University Dining Services, thinks that the new atmosphere will encourage students to use the dining hall

more often rather than getting their meals to go. "The remodel will enhance the dining experience," said Thies.

Talking with students made the excitement of the project apparent. "I think this is a really good idea," said junior Mike Fuller. "I wish it would have happened when I used the Commons!"

From flooring and ceilings to kitchen equipment, seating to menu items and more, the newly remodeled Merle Price Commons will be phenomenal.

Remodeling will begin March of 2009 and is projected to be completed in August 2009.

SAM needs people to play with

Amanda Katz
Staff Writer

All over campus, students are getting involved in organizations that are related to their fields of study and future jobs. You may have heard of some of these organizations, for they are widespread and offered through almost every major.

So who is SAM?

Do you have an interest in management? If so, you can check out a nationally recognized student organization called the Society for the Advancement of Management.

This organization is meant for students who want to go the extra mile to get as much experience before entering the work world as possible. "If you want to join a group with a lot of potential, SAM is the group for you," said Elizabeth Riepe, a senior in retail management and treasurer for SAM.

The purpose of this organization is so students pursuing a career in management can have the opportunity to go tour job sites relevant to their future line of work, organize events on campus and get involved in the community. It also looks great on a resume. The great thing about this organization is that it is completely student-based, meaning that

with a group effort, students get to choose the events they want to help with and the places they want to go visit. The organization is also fairly small and personable.

"Because we are such a small organization, everyone's input is taken into consideration when planning events for the year," said Alicia Frederickson, a junior in service management and president of SAM.

I know how great all of this sounds, but there is one big issue at hand: not enough students are participating in the organization.

There are a few students currently representing the organization on campus, but if

more students don't start joining, the current members won't be able to get the things out of the organization that it offers.

The largest major on the University of Wisconsin-Stout

campus is business administration, so there are students who fit the profile of this organization. It doesn't matter what your concentration is either; diversity is wanted in the organization to achieve broader ideas and perspectives.

If you are already involved with an organization more specific to your major, that's great as long as all management majors know that this organization is open to them. However, if your major is not listed but you

think you could contribute to this organization, feel free to sit in on a SAM meeting.

Management majors are not required to join an organization, which might be the reason for the lack of interested students, but at the same time, it just proves that students who are a part of it are there to get the most of what it offers.

"As the faculty advisor for SAM, I encourage all students interested in a career in management to become involved with this nationally recognized organization," said management professor Anne Hoel, faculty advisor for SAM.

If you are interested in getting involved with something that can really benefit you, stop by a meeting to get more information. You are not obligated to join if you attend a meeting. The commitment is up to you if you think this organization can offer you what you need.

Society for the Advancement of Management is currently in a rebuilding stage, so this is the best time for interested students to get involved. The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Badger room in the Memorial Student Center.

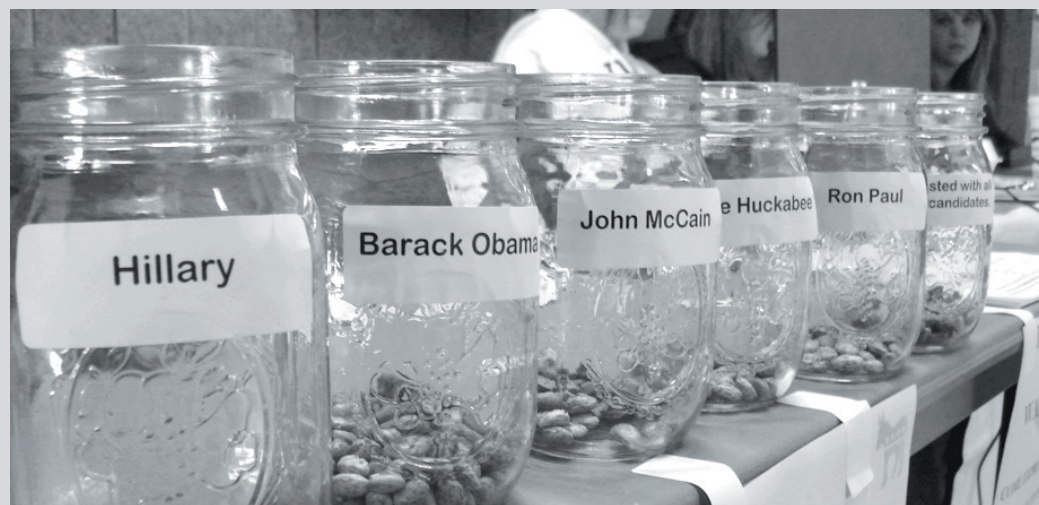
"Everyone's input is taken into consideration when planning events for the year,"

—Alicia Frederickson

If you are in one of the majors listed below and want to get a good feel for what the working world is like, have a good time and make new friends, or just add a little something extra to your resume, then please consider SAM now.

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Beans for president

The Stout College Republicans held a straw poll on Monday and Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center outside of the Terrace Café to tabulate interest in the different candidates. Participants were asked to vote anonymously for who they would be voting in Wisconsin's primary election by dropping a bean into the corresponding candidate's jar.

Students could choose from five main party candidates, or a sixth jar which read "disgusted with all main candidates."

The idea of polling the students was brought up at one of the group's regular meetings as a way to see how involved students are in the election process.

"We wanted to see the different viewpoints that students have and get people talking," said Courtney Manninen, a junior in the interior design program.

"We also wanted to raise awareness that today is the primary day for Wisconsin," said Jeremy Carufel, chairman for the Stout College Republicans and a senior in the manufacturing engineering program.

"We've had people who walk by who have said this has reminded them that they need to vote today."

The group will be hosting an open showing of "Hillary the Movie" on Thursday, March 6 in the Badger Room of the MSC at 6:30 p.m. The group will also be holding its next meeting on March 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the same location.

Poll results will be tabulated and posted on the Stout College Republicans Webpage at <http://republicans.uwstout.edu/>, as well as at www.stoutonia.com



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- Smoking in University Buildings – 1
- Violation of Traffic Control Signal – 1

The Mystery of the Missing Rope

Tuesday Feb. 5, 10:30 a.m.

A package that was delivered and signed for at the Sports and Fitness Center was reported missing on Jan. 28. The package contained climbing rope for the rock climb-

ing wall. The company who delivered the package had a copy of the signature that was used to receive it.

A University of Wisconsin-Stout police officer followed up with two students who had the same last name as the signature used to accept the package. They both denied signing for it.

Gathering information from the company who shipped the rope and from the delivery company helped solve the confusion. The package was accidentally delivered to University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point instead of UW-Stout. After this information was reported, the rope company had plans to ship a new rope to the correct university.

Close call at the Louis Smith Tainter house

Sunday Feb. 10, 8:30 a.m.

Due to extremely windy weather conditions, part of a plastic enclosure that was securing some scaffolding attached to the Louis Smith Tainter house came undone from the building. A passerby reported this to UW-Stout police and was concerned that the scaffolding may tip over.

The interior temperature of the building was estimated to be near freezing. Because of the bitterly cold weather and the age of the building, the responding officer utilized the university's emergency call list for help with the situation. After being unable to reach anyone from the construction company, contact was made with some personnel from UW-Stout.

While searching the building, the water pipes on the third floor seemed to be almost frozen. Two men from the university went to work to seal and secure the building from the elements. Due to their quick action, the Louis Smith Tainter House was saved from any further harm.

What's a thumb when you have nine more?

Monday Feb. 11, 4:24 p.m.

A call was made to UW-Stout police after a 24-year-old male cut off his thumb while working in the Applied Arts building. Upon arrival, the subject was seated on a chair and

had his bleeding under control. The lab assistant working had retrieved the amputated part of his thumb and had it wrapped in a paper towel.

The male was transported to the Red Cedar Medical Center for treatment. The officer and lab assistant investigated the scene of the accident and suspected a radial arm saw caused the injury.

Allegedly, the man was cutting a small piece of three inch PVC tubing when the piece slipped, causing the blade to cut his thumb. A clean cut was made about one inch down from his fingertip and it was unclear at the time if the thumb could be reattached.

A not-so-greedy thief

Thursday Feb. 14, 7:50 p.m.

A resident of Keith hall reported that money was stolen out of her purse while it was sitting on a shelf in her closet in her unlocked dorm room. A total of \$240 in cash was stolen from the woman.

She said she left her room for a short period of time with the door closed, but not locked. The woman did not notice the money missing for several hours. When she did realize it was missing, she thought it was odd that \$100 was left in the purse.

The woman suspected one person specifically, but was reluctant to report it to the responding officer. In all, she was missing one \$100 bill and seven \$20 bills.

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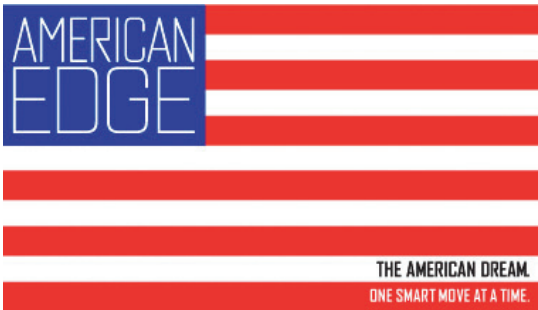
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1 n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #8	\$180	\$180	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1 n/a	220 12th Avenue West	\$230	\$230	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, washer/dryer, off-street parking, great location	SR
1 1	702 4th Street	\$295	\$295	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, downtown	6
1 1	802 6th Avenue #1	\$315	\$315	n/a	n/a	Large, nice efficiency, includes all utilities & parking	6
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$345	\$345	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #3	\$350	\$350	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #4	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8
1 1	400 1/2 Main Street #5	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6
1 1	1218 1/2 9th Street	\$375	\$375	n/a	n/a	Large, upper duplex with den & parking, great location	D
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Efficiency apartment, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes WSG & parking, very close to campus	A
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #8	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes parking, WSG & heat	A
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$415	\$415	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$495	\$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities & parking	8
2 1	113 West Main Street	\$360	\$180	\$460	\$230	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades	3
2 1	115 West Main Street	\$370	\$185	\$490	\$245	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2 1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$375	\$188	n/a	n/a	Large lower duplex, gas heat, off-street parking	D
2 1	1415 4th Street West	\$395	\$198	\$550	\$250	Ground level apartment w/ garage, good location	D
2 1	1506 6th Street	\$420	\$210	\$590	\$295	Large rooms, enclosed front porch, storage, large yard	D
2 1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
2 1	619 13th Avenue	\$450	\$225	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat WSG hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4
2 1	802 6th Avenue #6	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, large rooms, utilities & parking included	6
2 1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$545	\$273	n/a	n/a	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW, incl.	6
3 1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$480	\$160	\$565	\$188	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3 1	2215 1/2 5th Street	\$545	\$182	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D

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3 1	119 West Main Street #3	\$550	\$183	\$700	\$233	Nice apt, good sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
3 1	220 12th Avenue West	\$550	\$183	\$750	\$250	Large duplex, W/D, excellent location, off-street parking	D
3 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H
3 1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$695	\$232	n/a	n/a	Nice, 2-story apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
3 1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$780	\$283	n/a	n/a	Utilities included, nice rooms & closets, laundry in building	A
4 1	915 Main Street	\$600	\$150	\$800	\$200	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
4 1	1508 10th Street	\$600	\$150	\$800	\$200	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
4 1	921 Main Street #1	\$700	\$175	\$870	\$218	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
4 1	1216 6th Street	\$800	\$200	\$980	\$245	Good sized rooms, front porch, parking, across from campus	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4 2	1319 8th Street	\$800	\$200	\$1,000	\$250	Nice, good sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4 1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice sized rooms, washer/dryer	H
4 2	1515 6th Street	\$840	\$210	\$1,135	\$284	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D
4 1	121 1/2 12th Avenue West	\$800	\$200	\$1,025	\$256	Large apt, good sized rooms, W/D, parking, great location	D
4 1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$800	\$200	\$1,025	\$256	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
5 1.5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, lots of parking	H
5 2	2006 5th Street #A	\$900	\$180	\$1,150	\$230	Nice, large house, good sized rooms, W/D off-street parking	3
5 2	1708 6th Street #A	\$1,200	\$240	\$1,400	\$280	Fabulous apartment, W/D, big rooms, parking, has everything!	D
6 2	1603 7th Street	\$900	\$150	n/a	n/a	Great house, gas fireplace, washer/dryer, corner lot	H
6 2	415 13th Avenue West	\$1,000	\$167	\$1,250	\$208	Modern house, large bedrooms, good location, lawn care incl.	H
7 2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,050	\$150	\$1,310	\$187	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H
8 2	121 12th Avenue West	\$1,600	\$200	\$1,900	\$238	Large bedrooms, 2 washers/dryers, VERY close to campus	H

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UW-Stout event simulates poverty to teach awareness

The University of Wisconsin-Stout will be the site of a poverty simulation Feb. 27, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Crystal Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center. The event will help participants understand what it might be like to be part of a typical low-income family trying to survive from month to month.

Individual participants will play the role of a single mom with two kids, no cash and few assets. The simulated families move through a condensed month of poverty consisting of four 15-minute weeks. During their month, the simulated families work at keeping their families fed, their kids in school and their bills paid, while finding or keeping a job. The object is to sensitize participants, using scripted resources and barriers, to the realities faced by low-income individuals.

A debriefing at the end helps participants express their feelings and insights as to how the simulation has impacted their thoughts on poverty.

The event uses the poverty simulation awareness-raising program developed by the Reform Organization of Welfare, known as ROWEL. The event is sponsored by the UW-Stout department of human development and family studies, UW-Stout Ally Center, Leadership Menomonie, UW-Extension and the Dunn County Emergency Food and Shelter Collaborative.

For more information or to participate in the simulation, contact Jeanne Rothaupt at rothauptj@uwstout.edu or Mary McManus at mcmanusm@uwstout.edu.

For interest in helping with the poverty simulation, contact Karen Fritz at the UW-Extension Office at Karen.fritz@ces.uwex.edu or (715) 232-1636.

NWTC, UW-Stout and UW-Green Bay announce agreement

Menomonie, Wis.---Students from Northeast Wisconsin will be able to earn a manufacturing engineering degree at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College's Green Bay campus under a historic agreement signed today by leaders from NWTC, the University of Wisconsin-Stout and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

"We are excited to participate in this groundbreaking endeavor that allows people in our district to stay in our district while they complete their studies," said NWTC President H. Jeffrey Rafn. "The partnership between NWTC, UW-Green Bay and UW-Stout reflects the commitment that all of us in higher education have to provide the highest quality education to the people here in Wisconsin."

During the morning celebration held at NWTC's Manufacturing Technology Center, NWTC also announced its new manufacturing engineering technology associate degree that will be offered in collaboration with UW-Green Bay.

Graduates of the new two-year program will be able to transfer as juniors into UW-Stout's manufacturing engineering Bachelor of Science degree program. The third and fourth years of the program will be taught by UW-Stout faculty on the NWTC Green Bay campus – enabling students to stay closer to home.

"We are extremely pleased to partner with two fine institutions in delivering a needed engineering program to Northeast Wisconsin," said UW-Stout Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen. "This is done in the best sense of educational collaboration and will have an impact on the economic growth of the state."

"The collaborative manufacturing engineering program is an excellent example of how our universities and technical colleges can work together for the benefit of our state's citizens," added UW-Green Bay Chancellor Bruce Shepard. "It will help build a brighter future for our region and state and meet the changing economic needs of Wisconsin."

NWTC's manufacturing engineering technology associate degree prepares students to work in the manufacturing sector assisting engineers and managers in developing new products and improving production processes. For more information, go to www.nwtc.edu or call (920) 498-5444.

The manufacturing engineering program at UW-Stout prepares students to be involved with the production process, from product design through post-sale service. Manufacturing engineers work with other professionals to design products and the automated systems that produce them. They are experts in select-



RESULTS FOR WEEK #1

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Per Capita Classic: #1 UW-River Falls, #2 UW-Stout

Waste Minimization: #1 UW-Madison; #2 UW-Stout

Gorilla Prize: #1 UW-Oshkosh; #2 UW-Stout

Targeted Material Paper: #1 College of Menominee Nation; #2 UW-Stout

Targeted Material Cardboard: #1 UW-Stout; #2 UW-Marinette

Targeted Material Bottles and Cans: #1 UW-Stout; #2 UW-Marinette

RESULTS FOR WEEK #2

Grand Champion: #1 UW-Stout; #2 UW-Madison

Per Capita Classic: #1 UW-Oshkosh; #2 UW-River Falls #3 UW-Stout

Waste Minimization: #1 UW-Stout; #2 Northland College

Gorilla Prize: #1. UW-Stout

Targeted Material Paper: #1 UW-Stout; #2 College of Menominee Nation #3 UW-Marinette

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*These are UW-Stout's standings against the other Wisconsin schools involved in RecycleMania. The Wisconsin schools can choose which categories to enter. UW-Stout is entered in all the categories this year.

If you would like to know UW-Stout's standings nationwide, please visit the official RecycleMania website www.recyclemaniacs.org

ing the right materials to use and processing them into usable products. They know how to control automated production systems with computers, and they utilize advanced technol-

ogies when appropriate. More information on the program at UW-Stout is available at www.uwstout.edu/programs/bsmf/ps.html.

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Opinion columns written by some people with street cred, your professors

Dr. Kevin Drzakowski

*Assistant Professor of English
Department of English and Philosophy*

Since I was asked to write an opinion column for the Stoutonia, I've spent the last few days trying to dredge up something I actually have a strong opinion about. Because I'm an English professor, you might think I have an opinion about whether sentences should end with a preposition or something like that, but, as you see based on the previous sentence, I'm pretty ambivalent about those sorts of grammatical minutia; if it's convenient for me, then it's okay.

Really, I have the same concerns as most of my students. Can global warming be solved? Can an all-out nuclear holocaust be averted? Did the Twins totally blow it with the Santana deal? Sure, I could write about those, but I've been trying to come up with something a professor would have a unique viewpoint on. Well, a few minutes ago, I was checking my e-mail, and I realized that this is a chance to air out an old pet peeve. I know other professors have

written on this topic, most of them far more eloquently than I, but it's a problem that persists. I'm talking about the content of student e-mails.

"deer keven, i cant come to class today cause im sick...please tell me if were doing anything impotent"

That's taken from a real e-mail, folks. I didn't make it up. It wasn't written by a student here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, so I don't feel so bad about making it public, but it's pretty representative of what I see from students on a daily basis when I pull up my inbox. I know, I just said that I'm not a real stickler for grammar. An utter disregard for the English language, however, draws even my attention.

Let's break this down a bit. I'm going to start with what I consider the biggest problem, and the one that is most easily fixable. I see a lot of you working out in the fitness center day after day. Clearly, you take your physical fitness seriously. So what's so difficult about moving your pinky finger a couple of millimeters down toward the shift key? Are you really saving that much time by not capitalizing anything? Take a look at the following two sentences.

this is my first example. This is my second example. Okay, this is going to blow your mind: I typed those two sentences in exactly the same amount of time!

Please note that the caps lock key is not a substitute for the shift key. Thus, "i cant come to class today cause im REALLY SICK," isn't any better. In fact, it's probably worse. Just because you're sick, that's no reason to make me feel the same way.

Along with judicious use of the shift key, I encourage all students to examine another useful little button on your keyboard. See the L key? Okay, right next to that is another key I'm sure you all know. It's the one that allows you to decide whether your smiley-face is winking or just has regular open eyes. Well, to the right of that is yet another key, this one with an entirely different feature. Press it, and a tiny little dot with a curved line will appear on your screen: Neat, right? Well, you can do all kinds of cool things with that little punctuation mark, like creating contractions and marking possessives. Just as is the case with avoiding capital letters, I really don't think avoiding the use of apostrophes is saving you all that much time.

If you're going to use my first name in the e-mail, please, I beg you, learn how to spell it. Come to think of it, the same goes for my last name. And no, I am not a deer. I don't want any confusion on that matter. If you're sitting in your stand, braving the cold and wearing your hunter orange, and I happen to walk by, do not take a shot. I'm a little guy, anyway, so I'm not going to look all that impressive strapped to your roof.

By the way, don't think that I'm attacking shorthand in cell phone text messages to your friends. That's an entirely different matter. My text messages to my buddies aren't any different than yours: "any1 want 2 go 2 the game? i got tix." But if I was e-mailing my Ph.D. advisor, letting him know I had spare ticket to a Twins game (although he's a White Sox fan, so I doubt I'd contact him in the first place), I would probably make the extra effort to type out the preposition "to" rather than the number.

Oh, and as for the matter of whether or not, "we're doing anything impotent in class today," well, I don't even know how to begin answering that one.

Government is corrupt and the president is a terrorist

A.J. Forst

Chief Copy Editor

Charles Barnard's Letter to the Editor in the February 7-20 issue really inspired me, but I don't think he helped anything. He offered no solutions to the problem of the president being a terrorist. I would like to take it a step further.

The government has been corrupt for decades now, maybe even centuries. It started with the hippie Andrew Jackson, the first Democrat, and regressed from there. Ever since, the government has taken more and more away from us.

In 1913, the government started taxing our income. In 1920, the government banned alcohol. In 1934, the communist Franklin D. Roosevelt let the National Firearms Act pass, effectively banning any gun or gun accessory that was cool (machine guns, silencers, short-barreled shotguns, etc.). In 1994 the so-called "Assault Weapons Ban" was enacted under Bill Clinton which further degraded the overall coolness of salable guns by banning large-

capacity magazine and a random list of "scary-looking" guns.

The president, whomever that may be, has always been a terrorist. Who except a terrorist would ban people from defending themselves because a particular weapon "has no sporting purpose"? Who cares if it doesn't have a "sporting purpose"? That's why Charles Barnard is so right: if we don't have the right to even choose how cool-looking the guns we buy are, where's this country headed?

Certain tax brackets in the U.K. take 40 percent of income except that of actors and really important people like that. Business people who work for their money still have to pay it. Under Hillary Clinton, who would no doubt try to pass a national healthcare plan, and we would be taxed until we are a communist country like the U.K. When all the poor people die from lack of medical coverage, there will be more to replace them. We can always import Mexicans.

The president has had too much power for too long. We need change, and the way

to do it is to stop giving the government our money and stop following its stupid "laws." Just because I happened to be born on "U.S." land means I have to give up a third of my income every year plus pay sales tax and property tax?

The government only has power because it has money and enough people willing to follow it. If you don't like the government because it is run by a terrorist, do what the drug dealers and gangsters do: don't pay taxes and buy machine guns. Tax season is fast approaching, so make the conscious decision to not pay them. Burn those W-4s and W-2s and whatever other toilet paper the government sends you.

Obviously, voting is completely pointless, so take the time to hug a crack dealer and say, "Thank thank you for being a true American." Only the untaxed businessmen and those unafraid of breaking the "laws" of the U.S. are taking a stand against the injustices of the government. Join Charles Barnard and I and take this stand. It only takes a minute to completely burn up all tax forms.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. once said,

"I have a dream," and then something about peace and harmony and that crap. Forget his hippie agenda and remember the "dream" part. I have a dream too. It's a world where people have the right to carry machine guns around for fun and keep all their money.

The United States is supposed to be a free country. It worked for decades until communist and hippies like FDR were voted in. The Wild West was a great period in American history; it must have been, there are hundreds of movies, books and shows about it. Then, when the president declares you an "illegal enemy combatant," you have something to defend yourself with and the extra money to hire mercenaries.

The next presidential election should be simple: don't recognize the President of the United States as your leader and the election will be a non-issue. Stay home and do what you want to do because this country, at least in your mind, is free.

Spreading the word of poor drunken behavior

Chris Moellering
Staff writer

I want to take the time to address a major problem facing college students today, a problem that could follow them their entire lives: poor drunken behavior. A lot of people have this problem and they don't even realize it. But, those of us that have been victimized by their total disregard for other people's good time, it is quite obvious and nauseating.

You may be wondering what constitutes poor drunken behavior. Don't worry, I am going to explain. Poor drunken behavior is a matter of inconsiderateness and lack of respect for fellow drunks. I will outline the five

don'ts of drinking, which if obeyed should make the world a better place for us all. It is my

hope to spread the word of poor drunken behavior, so one day we can be free from this problem and be able to enjoy our rum and Cokes in peace.

Rule #1: Don't be an angry drunk

Everybody knows one of these guys. He could be your friend, your bother, your uncle or your dad. They are very hard to spot. When sober they are just like you and me, but soon as they get a few beers and a couple shots of tequila in them, they become someone else completely. Suddenly, the guy on the other side of the bar is looking at them funny or maybe he

overheard you say something about his girlfriend. They hear imaginary voices and see imaginary people. They're not sure why but they want to hit someone. They ruin everybody's good time and then wake up tomorrow like nothing happened. There's no room in my world for the angry drunk. If you are an angry drunk, my advice is to stay home, take some Prozac and work on your beat-up Ford pick-up.

Rule #2: Don't be a crying drunk

I'm going to tell you right now, if you are a crying drunk, nobody likes you. Nothing ruins a party like some guy or girl crying in the corner. We're out to have fun, not listen to you and your problems. If you want to cry, stay home, call up your "Emo" buddies and

listen to The Cure. There is no crying in drinking, especially in a bar full of people.

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The crying drunks never think about what they're doing to the rest of us. They draw attention, but not the kind of attention you want. Chances of going home with that hot blonde on the other side of room are shot when you're stuck looking after weepy-eyed Willy and his suicidal tendencies.

Rule #3: Don't be a bragging drunk

We all know at least one bragging drunk. He's the guy who still thinks it's cool to count how many beers he had and feels it's his duty to report back to you. He'll say things like, "You're such a light weight. I've had nine beers and you've only had five."

Well, congratulations, I hope you and your failing liver are happy together. The bragging drunk is also the same guy that calls you up the next day to tell you how drunk he was. Unless it's a good story, like you woke up in a phone booth in Texas with a cross-eyed little person and briefcase full of socks, it's not worth bragging about.

Rule #4: Don't be a close-talk drunk

The close-talk drunk is that guy that has a few beers and suddenly the laws of physics don't apply anymore. Suddenly he thinks sound waves don't travel the same distance when he's drunk. When he talks to you, he has to get within a couple inches of your face. He likes to spit in your mouth and eyes and breathe on you with his napalm breath. Of course, he likes to scream too, because the inch between our ear and his mouth is just too great of a distance for normal speech volume. Sometimes it's hard to tell if the close-talker is talking or if he's about to make out with you. I always assume it's the latter and quickly look for an escape.

Rule #5: Don't be an attention deficit drunk

Attention deficit drunks can be one of the most irritating types of drunks, especially to us older professional drinkers. No matter where you are, attention deficit drunks will think somewhere else is cooler. They are

constantly on the phone with their friends at other bars, and they try to get everyone to go there. They're too worried they're missing something at the other bar that they forget to have fun at the current bar and bring everyone down with them. Switching bars is a waste of time. It takes time to close your tab and walk to the other bar. Then you have to stand in line at a new bar and wait to be served. It's a hassle that cuts into some serious drinking time.

Poor drunken behavior is a major problem, mostly because people don't realize they have these problems, so it is up to us with good behavior to be on the lookout. We must be vigilant and confront our friends when we see them stepping out of line. We must let them know how we feel and that it is in their best interest to stay home. If you fear that you are

a poor behavior drunk, you probably are. My advice is to ask your friends. If they're real friends, they'll tell you the truth. If you've got the problem, don't worry, there are still ways to enjoy yourself. You can join a knitting club, read to elderly at the nursing home, take up bird watching, anything, just stay out of our bars.

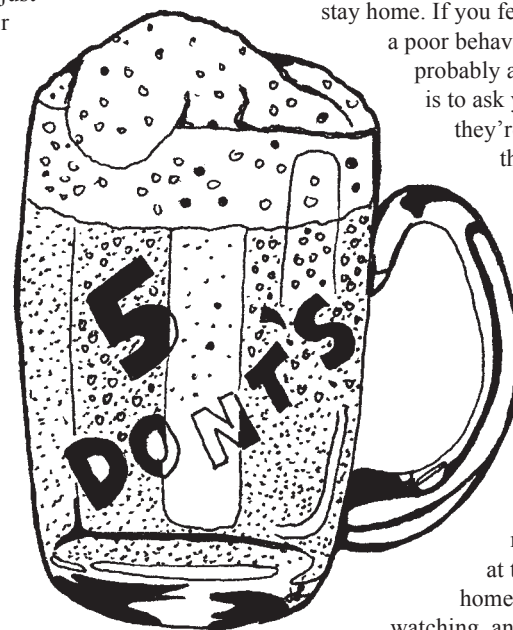


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Athletes eating your way to great fortunes

Jed Williams
Staff Writer

As most college students know, it is often a struggle to find healthy food to eat regularly. Too often the things that are convenient and available are severely lacking in nutritional content. The fact still remains that eating healthy meals as often as possible is important for keeping energy up for class, any type of activity and yes, even partying with some friends. This goes double for athletes.

I am a member of the University of Wisconsin-Stout track team and I often times find myself with nothing to do and no event until much later into the meets. Most meet days start very early with either

setting up the track here at UW-Stout or loading the bus to trek several hours to the place of competition. From personal experience and what I've seen with other athletes on track teams, too often competitors end up starving themselves until the time they run. It isn't that there is never food available, it's that the kinds of food available (burgers, brats, pizza, chips, etc) would have the effect of strapping 20 pound weights to each leg.

What would be a simple solution and possibly even a source of great income for an organization or a few individuals? Offer concessions that would appeal to athletes. There is no reason not to offer the traditional items such as hot dogs and popcorn,

but why stop there? With many concession stands getting their supplies from bulk stores such as Sam's Club, it would be just as easy to offer things such as granola and fruit bars, even power bars. I am relieved that most stands offer at least Gatorade and water along with soda, but this is just skimming the surface.

Now I'm sure these types of healthier foods wouldn't sell great at other sporting events, such as football and hockey games. Keep in mind however, that at a track meet spectators aren't the only potential customers. When all the athletes are included in the population of customers then track meets suddenly become some of the highest grossing events to sell concessions at.

This is an idea that would be simple to accomplish and have immediate results. I bring the challenge to all the organizations across campus and even those that aren't involved with the university but are looking for an easy fundraiser. Bring concessions to the track meets that would actually sell. With any luck on the athletes' parts, this will become a trend adopted not just here at UW-Stout, but across the state at all areas of competition.

Universal Health Care: Bad for the CEO, good for the other 99.9% of us

Jeremy S. Nelson

Guest writer

Upon the arrival to college, I was under the impression that the United States was, to be quite honest, the best at everything. This is pounded into the head of innocent children who are too vulnerable to think for themselves. For instance, America has never lost a war, except for Vietnam which wasn't a war, but a conflict, so it does not count. It is a chapter we, as Americans, would like to forget. America is the land of the free, the home of opportunity and is based on the ideal that if you work hard enough you can get anything that you want.

Do not get me wrong, I dearly love my country, for I volunteered in the Armed Forces before being medically discharged. But this ideal of the "American dream" suddenly came to an end when I realized the facts of it all and how America, the land of the free and where in the Declaration of Independence it says, "All men are created equal, they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," this is all but obvious. I am not here to give you a history lesson; I am here to talk about the absence of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, how this is all affected by the almighty dollar and how this affects everyone, including yourself.

The most obvious and the least talked about issue facing this country is the health care system. It is a widely unknown fact that the United States is the only "modern," non-Third World country to run health care as a profit-driven business. To me, and I hope to most people, the idea of making money off of the people who are unfortunate enough to become ill seems a bit inhumane. When you consider that America spent \$1.6 trillion a year on health care in 2006 (15 percent of Gross Domestic Product) it is depressing, to say the least, when you look at the numbers. 54 million people a year are completely uninsured, and another 18,000 will die each year because they cannot get health care coverage. This creates an enormous issue with the "for profit" health care system and how it is being dealt with.

Though this problem lies in many different areas of the American political and business landscapes, there are some areas that need to be changed. A universal health program is the answer. The first issue lies in the bureaucracy of the entire health care system. According to the Physician's for a National Health Care System, the bureaucracy in the health care system accounts for nearly 30 percent of the national health care budget, and this could be solved by using a single-source payment. Canada, and other countries use this and the hospitals in those countries do not bill for individual patients,

but use a global yearly budget to cover all costs incurred. This ensures that all patients, such as long-term cancer patients, do not have to worry about using up all of their benefits.

The second problem area lies in the government structure of those who are appointed to top positions of power and the lobbyists that are allowed on capitol hill. This is most obvious in the price of gas. I do not know if anyone has noticed, but the president and vice-president, are major shareholders in oil companies. I suppose it is no coincidence that when they took office the price of a barrel of oil skyrocketed and has not stopped since. Though the price of oil was shrouded in the events of 9/11, it is no mistake that these men have no one in mind but themselves. I find it funny that nearly everyone in the president's cabinet are CEOs of large companies or major shareholders in businesses. Do these men have any experience in politics at all? Do they really know what the people of America need? The answer to me is no. This is all evident in how the capitalism in the country is so ruthless that the people who support this country have to choose between turning the heat on or paying for their medication. It is a little unknown fact that the top one percent of people in the United States control over 90 percent of all the wealth; but make no mistake, this is all a product of capitalism.

The machine known as capitalism has taken advantage of the natural human misfortune of greed. Greed, defined as the selfish desire for the pursuit of money, wealth, food and other possessions especially when it

been cobbled together to fight "Clintoncare," as these opponents labeled it: congressional Republicans, the insurance industry, the pharmaceutical industry, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, the Business Roundtable, the Christian Coalition and the conservative talk radio show network. Those groups spent between \$100 million and \$300 million to defeat it. The battle was fought like a presidential campaign-with a TV advertising campaign, a network of field operatives and public relations experts to lobby members of Congress back in their districts, according to News & Observer Columnist Rob Christensen. These are all examples of lobbyists buying the interests of our elected, let me repeat, elected representatives. It is not an odd fact that an overwhelming 80 percent of people approve of the individuals they send to congress but only 37 percent of people approve of Congress as a whole.

Something needs to be done about people dying because they do not have health care and are foreclosing their houses because they cannot afford the medical bills that their insurance company will not pay because of a "pre-existing condition". More and more people are looking north towards Canada to get their medication. It is no wonder that the economy is in a downward spiral. This means nothing to the upper echelon because they are the ones benefiting from it in record numbers and we, the common people who run this country, are the ones losing badly. With all the money in the world to buy out anyone who has interest in a universal healthcare

'60s and all of the protests for equal rights and peace, though many people suffered, the ultimate goal was accomplished; equal rights were given and the people were listened to. Are we too caught up in our lives to look at the big picture and see how it is affecting every single one of us? The answer is more complicated than just the lack of people. The people are there, maybe not in the numbers they used to be in, but they are speaking and no one is listening. This is not because they do not want to, but because they are not allowed to. Nearly everyone in the United States owns a television and this is their main source of news. So what you know and hear is controlled by, once again, CEOs of large corporations who find it "in their best interest" to filter what they let you know to satisfy their already bulging check books. When 15,000 people protest in downtown Chicago like they did last month, and no one hears a word about it, it speaks volumes about the direction of this country. When the people of this country would rather know what kind of purse Paris Hilton has instead of the thousands of people dying because of lack of healthcare, it shows an overall negligence of the American people and their government.

If you do not like what you hear, deal with it, do something about it and support those groups of us who want change the overall stability of this country that we hold so dearly. If you agree with what I have to say, that is great, but I would like you to form your own opinions about the direction this country is taking. It is obvious that universal healthcare is not the root of all evil and the Cold War and Soviet Union propaganda that was beaten into our heads is all false. The generation effected most by the Cold War is mainly supported by the Social Security Trust Fund, which is a bad socialist program. What I am saying is a socialist program isn't the root of all evil, it may be the answer to Americas ever declining position of 37th in the world in overall healthcare and worst infant mortality rate among modern nations. It is also a little unknown fact that a baby born in El Salvador has a better chance of surviving than one born in the United States. If that does not scare you into change, I do not know what will.

This is not a Socialist tirade by any means, and I do not support communism. I support one thing and one thing only: the welfare of all deserving Americans and the freedom to obtain the unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. For all of those who already know this and are ahead of me, I thank you for looking out for my family and me. For those of you who do not know this and feel a need for change, educate yourself on the topic and join me in rebuilding this country into what it once was.

For those of you who can remember the

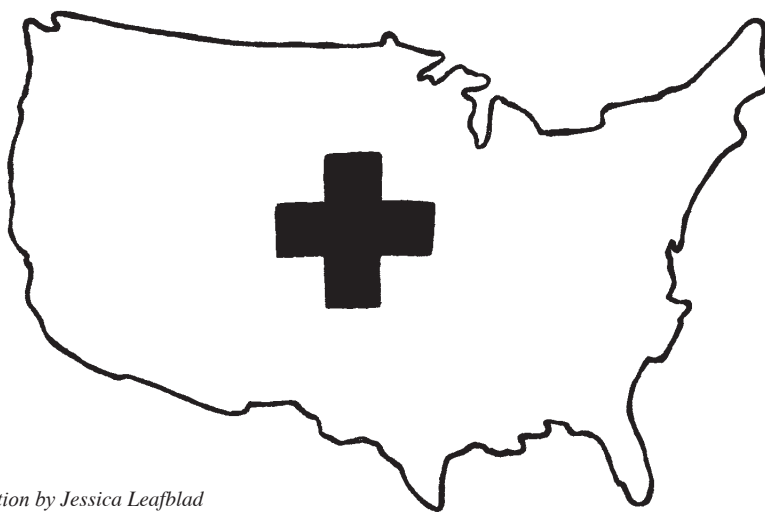


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denies others of the same, is most present on Capitol Hill and in the representatives' willingness to be bought out at a moment notice so they will support something that they may totally oppose. This happens on a daily basis on capitol hill. Hillary Clinton's attempt at an overhaul of the nation's health care system is a perfect example. Even before debate began in Congress, a powerful coalition had

reform, what are we, the people, suppose to do? To this question I have one answer. Remember the feeling on 9/11 that you had? You felt like you were an American and this country came together faster and stronger than it ever has since Pearl Harbor, but as fast as it came, it went. The enemies are not terrorists, but ourselves.

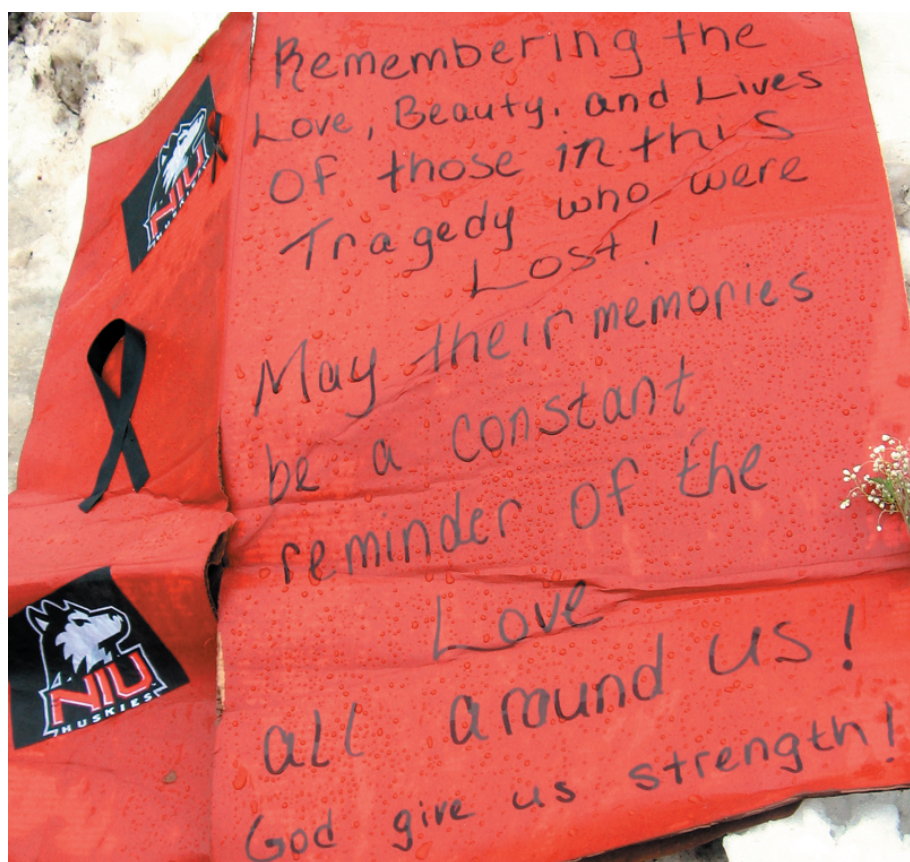
Stout's solution to school safety



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UW-Stout Police officers overlook a full-scale model of the city of Menomonie that help them to plan what types of action to take should a dangerous situation occur on campus.

"While Virginia Tech and NIU are still in our memory, the mass violent incidents are very infrequent, yet the number of sexual assaults, alcohol abuse, suicides and burglaries are not infrequent. We need to improve day to day safety."

-Jim Uhler.



Danielle Olson/Stoutonia
Students at Northern Illinois University show their support to friends and family left behind.

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

Almost a year after the Virginia Tech shootings, another shooting at Northern Illinois University forces students to question their safety.

The gunman carried three handguns and a shotgun into Cole Hall in a guitar case around 3:05 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14. Six are dead, including the gunman, with 22 victims total.

School shootings are a reality. Whether they can be prevented or not is a debatable subject. Planning a response to any attack can, however, help in these situations.

"These issues have been on our minds recently," said Chancellor Sorensen in a listening session for faculty and staff at the University of Wisconsin-Stout on Feb. 20. "It happened in Illinois, it can happen on any campus."

So, less than 300 miles away from NIU, what's UW-Stout doing?

"Initially there was more concern on campus following the shootings last year, the students would look at situations in a different way, but that has slowed," said the Interim Dean of Students Joan Thomas. She acknowledged that it is still the top topic of the University of Wisconsin system.



Danielle Olson/Stoutonia

A memorial to the five lives taken in the shootings at Northern Illinois University on Feb. 14.

The first few days after the Virginia Tech shootings, everyday classes and comfortable buildings all seemed to be a little less safe than we thought. Has safety changed at UW-Stout since then?

"Students, faculty and staff have been more alert, and that's a good thing," stated Jim Uhler, Jr., the Executive Director of Health and Safety. Training has increased for staff and faculty on campus, but it had started even before the shootings."

In response to the 9/11 attacks and Katrina, a new Federal Standard called the National Incidents Management System (NIMS) reacts to the need for agencies to "work together and to perform the same functions, such as the city police and campus police working together," said Uhler.

Last November, a UW-Stout police officer Don Gjeston conducted a training course on campus for first responder personnel, police and fire departments which follows federal standards of the NIMS program.

"These trainings seek to standardize every emergency system in the community, so that everyone will know what to do if an emergency should happen," added Uhler.

Both Uhler and Thomas commented on the fact that UW-Stout is one of few small universities to have armed police officers on campus.

Schools are implementing new ways to communicate to students when there's an unsafe incident. Some have incorporated emergency text messages to all of the students' cell phones.

"The issue with text messaging is faculty and staff don't check their phones often, and the only students who would get the texts would be those who turned in their numbers to the university, not to mention it's very cost intensive," said Uhler.

Uhler advises that there are safety precautions for students both living on and off campus that are their responsibility. "If you are living on campus, just be aware of your surroundings, and if you are living off campus and feel unsafe in your home, the University Health and Safety department can help if you have an issue with a landlord, maintenance or fire safety."

The university is trying a mass emergency e-mail trial this spring. Emergency text message systems have only a 33-40 percent sign up rate, so UW-Stout is focusing on the e-mail system already in place. "We are testing the e-mail messaging system to get info to everyone as quick as possible," said Lisa Walter, Chief of University Police. "Like NIU did, we want to be able to override the UW-Stout homepage so faculty and students can go to it for directions."

"The shootings have changed how we respond to troubled students," said Thomas. She is the chair of a program on campus called the Students of Concern Team.

"The team meets regularly to assess students which are of concern and decide the frequency and severity of their behavior to see if they are potentially harmful to themselves or others." The Students of Concern Team program is recommended to all universities in the UW system.

"We look for any verbal or physical aggression, suicide attempts or severe depression which is often repeated. Most likely if one person has noticed the behavior, others have."

"Yes, mass incidents are horrible, but if we can prevent one suicide, then we have really made a big difference," added Uhler.

For more information on Northern Illinois University, go to <http://www.niu.edu/index.shtml>.



Last lunar eclipse until 2010

A total lunar eclipse delighted viewers of the evening sky on Wednesday evening. Eclipses occur only at full moon when the sun, Earth and moon are in a perfect line. The exact color that the moon appears depends on the amount of dust and clouds in the atmosphere. The redness occurs because while the moon is in total shadow, some light from the sun passes through Earth's atmosphere and is bent toward the moon.

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Feed me, Seymour!

Nathaniel Fellows

Staff Writer

**Man-eating
plant teaches
the impor-
tance of love
over money**

There is a black comedy gracing the Mabel Tainter Theater's stage this month. The Menomonie Theater Guild is bringing to the stage "Little Shop of Horrors," directed by Jeanette Paules and Andrew Garr. This dark and mysterious comedy by writer Howard Ashman and composer Alan Menken is fun for everyone.

The Menomonie Theater Guild has brought together many members of the community for this musical, with a cast of 10 and crew comprised of Menomonie citizens and University of Wisconsin-Stout students and faculty members.

Two UW-Stout students are participating in the play. Laura Drew, senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management, plays a "chiffon," a muse-like character that helps to narrate the story through song. Darci Halverson, senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management, is the musical's assistant director.

Michael Martin, assistant professor of technical communication, plays two roles in the musical and gives his stage voice a try in the opening musical number as the hobo on the corner. Martin had a fun time being in the musical and found it a good way to get in touch with his community.

"It's been 30 years since I've done anything like this," said Martin. "Everyone has their role and they do it well. Ten people have become a little family."

Seymour Krelborn, a poor, geeky young man played by Jacob Rentmeester, works in Mushnik's Flower Shop on Skid Row. He is in love with his stunning co-worker

Audrey, played by Kendra

Tanberg, who dreams of "somewhere that's

green." However,

Audrey is already dating the sleazy and sadistic dentist

Orin Scrivello, DDS, who is played by Cody Pinnow.

One day, Seymour finds a bizarre plant that he names Audrey II

and it attracts business. While nurturing the plant, Seymour discovers that it will only drink blood. The plant becomes well-known throughout the play for having a voracious appetite and demanding, "Feed me, Seymore, I'm starvin'!" The unfortunate florist feeds the plant his own blood until it grows up and becomes able to speak, sing, move and eventually destroy.

Audrey II persuades Seymour to kill and convinces him that fame, money and Audrey will be his reward. It turns out that the plant isn't just mean and hungry; it came from outer space on a mission to take over the world. But does it succeed?

Seymour sets the mood with his clever and funny behavior as he explains how he came about such a unique plant. Seymour and Mr. Mushnik, played by Tom Aarrestad, work collectively to set the stage while Audrey II begins to play a bigger role in the performance.

Audrey II grows enormous as Seymour continues to feed it the blood of random victims. The blood-thirsty plant was made by local artist Dahnaus. The audience sees the plant in four stages of growth. Dahnaus created not only small plant hand puppets but also two other plants large enough for people to fit into.

As the play progresses, the set comes alive. Each character makes such good use of the entire stage and props that the audience is transported to the setting of the musical. The clever use of a moving prop brick wall that was silently lifted above the curtains doubled the stage space, boasting the Mabel Tainter Theater's ability to provide a spacious venue.

The use of airspace above the stage makes the intimacy of the theater deceiving. With humorous acting, skillfully placed comedic remarks and enjoyable song and dance, the plot gets darker as the comedy develops. The live acoustics of the newly renovated theater makes for excellent sound unique to the venue.

"Little Shop of Horrors" is a play that most people will enjoy. It's funny, clever and there is not a dull moment while the actors are on stage. Pinnow's characterization of the sadistic dentist tweaks the audience's gigglebox, and it is interesting to see Audrey II morph into a man-eating plant monster.

The show opens Friday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$14 per student and senior. Students can get tickets for \$7 if they show up no later than 30 minutes before the play begins.

For more info visit mabeltainter.com.

"Little Shop of Horrors" is the first Menomonie Theater Guild production in the theaters since it closed for renovations last year. The vocal and musical performances at the Mabel Tainter Theater have been enhanced by the renovation that the theater recently completed. It is easy to see how theaters made good use of natural acoustics before the time of electronic sound equipment. With new, more comfortable seating and better illuminating lights, the sparkly Mabel Tainter Theater shines as Menomonie's most unique historical landmark.



Evan Theurer/Stoutonia

Shake your baby maker

Andy Hahn
Staff Writer

They're the unnamed songs in your iTunes playlist. Or maybe you only listen to them with headphones on. Perhaps you only play it when your roommate is gone, but then when you do it's cranked to 11. Whatever the matter, you keep playing it and now the time has come to shake your baby maker to it in person.

On Thursday, Feb. 28, Dance Band comes to deliver this delicious disco funky beat which you have been hiding from your friends. However, do not come alone to this show. Bring a best friend, their best friend, their friends and their friends' mothers because Dance Band was awarded "Best Live Artist" by the Minneapolis/St. Paul City

Pages in 2007. Five tracks are available to be downloaded off of Dance Band's MySpace page, www.myspace.com/mydanceband.

Opening for Dance Band is MC/VL, a hip-hop act also from the Twin Cities. Comprising of Mighty Clyde and Vicious Lee, their style of hip-hop is an evolutionary mix of the Beastie Boys, Run DMC, and everything boom box. Songs like "How I Eat My Peas" and "Amazing Grace" seem like everything and nothing you have heard before, while "The Guarantee" will show you what happens when MC/LV is fused with AC/DC. Visit myspace.com/mc/vl to find out more.

The February 28 show starts at 8:00 p.m. at the Underground and is free with your Stout ID.



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A.J. Forst
Chief Copy Editor

She was hiding in the Memorial Student Center, though I had not realized it at the time. I had been looking for someone to interview for the Stoutonia Spotlight and she seemed to be wasting time, this blonde, blue-eyed girl of average height and build. She appeared to have recently come in from the cold because her jacket was still on and she was sniffing a lot.

She was very quiet. I asked if she'd like to be interviewed for the Stoutonia, and she whispered her consent, as if she wasn't sure if I was asking someone else. We walked over to the lounge near the Stoutonia office, and sat down on the gaudy furniture. It was interesting how she seemed both timid and

Quiet sophomore flips burgers, dreams of extreme makeovers

confident at the same time.

Her name is Tracey Sether. She is a sophomore in interior design here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and is from the small town of East Bethel, Minn. She has a great interest in design and her class is currently redesigning the interior of the Raw Deal here in Menomonie, Wis. Someday she would like to do interior design work for people's houses, but her dream job, despite her quiet personality, is to host "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

Sether is very independent, preferring to live alone than with roommates. She lives in North Hall in her own room because her roommate was kicked out for academic crappiness which suited Tracey just fine. (She insisted she did not kill her roommate.) Next year she plans on living in an apartment by herself, perhaps above the Raw Deal, as it will be leasing apartments when the building is complete.

Speaking of friends, she had three of her guy friends escape the closet one summer. She only had suspected one of them to be gay. She likes gay guys though, because she gets along with guys better, and they are non-threatening because of the fact that they don't and won't ever have the urge to feel her up.

In her spare time Miss Sether likes to watch movies and play her Xbox that is loaded with

a bunch of old games like Mario with her boyfriend. Her favorite movies are in the science fiction and comedy genres, and include Adam Sandler movies and "The Science of Sleep." She listens to "weird small bands," as she refers to them, bands her boyfriend recommends she listen to.

She met her boyfriend, Joel, at McDonald's where she works. She loves working there because all of the friends she's met since she came to Menomonie work there. "It doesn't feel like work until the fryers burn me," she said.

Sether likes the teachers who teach the classes in her major, especially Ben Pratt who should definitely give her extra credit for mentioning him. The problem with her major is that there are far too many "preppy girls" in it, with whom she does not get along. She doesn't like how dramatic they are.

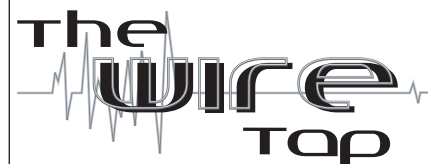
This up-and-coming interior design student cares about starving people in Africa. She even worked at a "feed my starving children place" for a while. While on the topic of starving children, I asked her if she liked cats, and she said she does, though she's allergic.

Near the end of the interview she told me she had to get back home because she was pretending to go to class and the class was now over, so she could go back home. She was scared to go back to class because she'd missed the past two and was afraid of what the teacher would say or think of her. She preferred to make her boyfriend think she had gone to class, so she didn't feel so bad. Perhaps this makes her a people-pleaser, or perhaps she just tries to make peace with herself. Either way, she'll eventually have to face the problem.

Her intentions are good, she just sometimes has a difficult time carrying them out, but overall she is a very laid-back person who's easy to talk to, even if she seems shy at first.



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Upcoming Music - Movies - Games

Events

Thurs, Feb 21 '08:

- Como-Sapiens @ Waterfront 9:30pm FREE
- Chooglin' with France Has The Bomb @ The Underground 8pm FREE

Fri, Feb 22, '08:

- Jessica Jahraus @ Blind Munchies Coffeehouse 7pm FREE

Sat, Feb 23, '08:

- Smokin' Bandits @ Waterfront 9:30pm FREE
- Vertical Joe @ Stout Ale House 9:30pm FREE

Thurs, Feb 28, '08:

- Dance Band @ Underground 8pm FREE
- San Souci Quartet @ Waterfront 9:30pm FREE

Sat, March 1, '08:

- Hyentyte @ Waterfront 9:30pm FREE
- Small Town Secret @ The Buck 9:30pm FREE

Tues, March 4th, '08:

- Trampled By Turtles @ Waterfront 9:30pm (\$7 in adv. \$10 at door)
- Brother Ali @ Underground 8pm FREE

Thurs, March 6th, '08:

- John Charles @ Acoustic Cafe 7pm FREE

Movie Releases

Feb 22, '08:

- Be Kind Rewind (PG-13)
- Charlie Bartlett (R)
- Vantage Point (PG-13)
- Witless Protection (PG-13)

Feb 29, '08:

- The Other Boleyn Girl (PG-13)
- Semi-Pro (NR)
- Penelope (R)

Ruckus Weekly Top Ten

Hooray! Students are actually using this nifty little program that the university worked so hard to give us in order to combat illegal mp3 pirating.

It's time to see what UW-Stout students are listening to. Here are the top ten most-downloaded songs from Ruckus for the past week.

1. "Love Song" - Sara Bareilles
2. "Low" - Flo Rida feat. T-Pain
3. "Apologize" - Timbaland
4. "Bubbly" - Colbie Caillat
5. "Kiss Kiss" - Chris Brown
6. "With You" - Chris Brown
7. "Stronger" - Kanye West
8. "The Way I Are" - Timbaland
9. "Sweetest Girl" - Wyclef Jean
10. "Apologize" - OneRepublic

Ruckus is a free ad-supported music and media download service built specifically for college students. The service provides unlimited download access to a library of more than 3 million high-fidelity songs including all of the major labels and thousands of indies with new music added every week.

Rawr! Me smash with stick!

Brian Muller
Staff Writer

Usually when a game is said to be popular, it's restricted to actual dedicated gamers and not the casual players that use friends' consoles. Every once in a while, there is a game that breaks that barrier and could be recognized even by those who rarely play video games. "Halo" and "Guitar Hero" are games that fit this profile, with "Guitar Hero" in particular acquiring widespread fame. Another breakthrough case seems to be the Nintendo Wii itself, which has become quite popular with pretty much anyone and everyone.

And now, at the beginning of March, the Nintendo Wii is set to get another game that has tended to be well-known beyond the regular gaming crowd: "Super Smash Bros. Brawl." While not as popular as "Guitar Hero," the "Super Smash Bros." series has been a great party game and a great competitive game at the same time. Setting popular characters from various franchises against each other in a fighting environment is both highly entertaining in groups and extremely competitive. People have devoted their lives to beating others in tournaments and earning money to continue from prizes.

"Super Smash Bros. Brawl," now the third game in this series, is set to hit the Nintendo Wii on March 9. For those who don't know, this series has always been about taking characters like Mario, Luigi and Yoshi in multiplayer fights against characters from other series. Samus from the "Metroid" series, Pikachu from the Pokemon series and Fox from the Star Fox series have been common characters throughout the games.

New this time are characters that aren't owned by Nintendo: Snake from his "Metal Gear Solid" fame makes an appearance



as a playable brawler, as well as Sonic the Hedgehog from the Sega games.

Additionally, "Super Smash Bros. Brawl" has some new modes to better the experience when there aren't friends around to play with. Replacing the last game's Adventure Mode is "The Subspace Emissary," a similarly run single-player or co-op experience where players run through environments with their favorite characters.

A bigger emphasis on story accompanies

the mode this time, as well as a longer experience and more variety. For those who would still only play against human opponents, the multiplayer is just as expansive as it has always been. The best new option, though, is the ability to play online with others across the nation.

For many, Super Smash Bros. Brawl was the reason to get a Nintendo Wii. While the game has been delayed much, it will finally hit stores in March for \$49.99.

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FOOD FIGHT! *End the battle over bologna*

Ingredients

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

Living with roommates can be tough. There's more to it than just sharing a living space; it means sharing the same space, the same air and sometimes, unfortunately, the same food.

There's nothing worse than coming home after a long day with dreams of lunging toward a big bowl of leftover spaghetti, only to find that your roommates ate it...again.

While such predicaments can often lead to fantasies of becoming a hermit, free of obligations to share, bear in mind that sharing food with roomies can be, well, fun.

Think about it: friendly bonding in the kitchen can lead to huge rewards. Think home-cooked, inexpensive, minimal effort.

By gathering your roomies and delegating kitchen tasks, a weeknight supper becomes a feasible and enjoyable way to spend some time shooting the breeze about something other than who ate whose leftovers. The cost of a meal can easily be split amongst each participant, which makes for a very wallet-friendly way to eat.

Regardless of your feelings toward the kitchen, splitting up the work means cooking has never been easier.

Gather your roomies and give it a shot. If all else fails, at least the food fight will be fun.

No-Fuss Chicken Sandwiches

1 lb. fresh chicken, cut into strips
1 large bell pepper, cut into strips
1 large diced onion
6 oz. chicken broth
Oregano, salt and pepper to taste

1 loaf crusty French bread

Sweet and Tangy Sandwich Sauce

1/8 cup mustard
1/8 cup honey
1/8 cup ranch dressing

Garlic Broccoli

2 medium heads fresh/frozen broccoli
1 Tablespoon crushed red pepper (optional)
2 Tablespoons olive oil
2 cloves minced garlic
Parmesan cheese to sprinkle over top

Brownie Sundaes

1 box of favorite brownie mix (plus required ingredients)
1 bag of chocolate chips or coated chocolate candy
Other toppings, if desired
1 pint of favorite ice cream

Utensils You will need

1 sharp knife
1 cutting board
2 large frying pans
1 small bowl (sauce)
1 large bowl (brownies)
1 9x13 cake pan
2 wooden spoons
1 rubber scraper (spatula)

Person 1

-Cut chicken into strips and chop vegetables
-Add broth, seasonings and chicken to warm frying pan; cook until the chicken is no longer pink
-Add vegetables, cook until tender

Person 2

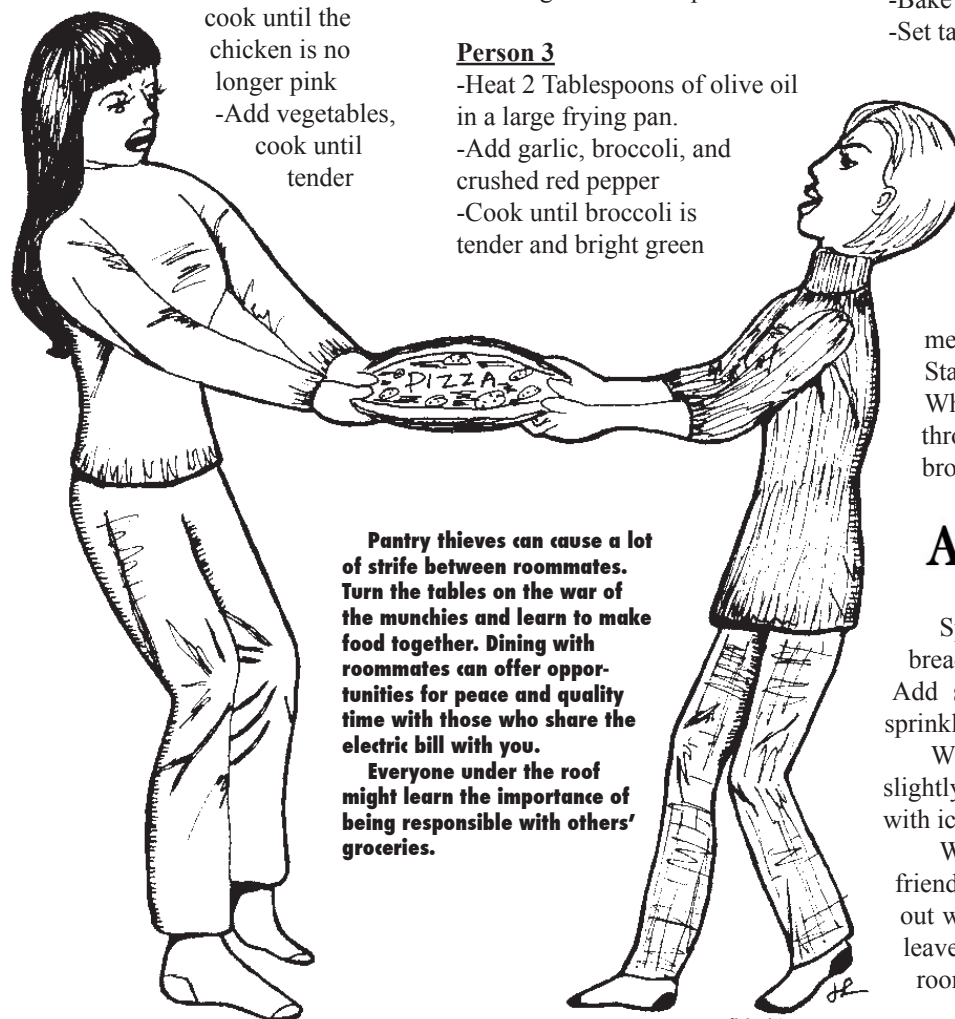
-Cut bread into four pieces
-Mix together ingredients for sandwich sauce
-Mince garlic and chop broccoli

Person 3

-Heat 2 Tablespoons of olive oil in a large frying pan.
-Add garlic, broccoli, and crushed red pepper
-Cook until broccoli is tender and bright green

Person 4

-Prepare brownies as directed, adding half the chocolate chips/chocolate candy to batter
-Bake as directed
-Set table



Pantry thieves can cause a lot of strife between roommates. Turn the tables on the war of the munchies and learn to make food together. Dining with roommates can offer opportunities for peace and quality time with those who share the electric bill with you.

Everyone under the roof might learn the importance of being responsible with others' groceries.

Cooking Notes

Start the brownies first; they should finish by the end of the meal.

Start the sandwiches next.

When the chicken is almost cooked through, have person #2 start the broccoli.

Assembly

Spread sandwich sauce onto french bread, add chicken and vegetables. Add some broccoli to the plate and sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

When the brownies are finished and slightly cooled, place in bowl and top with ice cream and extra chocolate.

When your stomachs are full and friendships rekindled, help each other out with the cleanup—it'll go fast and leave you plenty of time to do other roommate bonding things.

Jessica Leafblad/Stoutonia



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Across from The Buck next to Ted's Pizza

Women's basketball goes 2-2 in last series

by Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils dropped a close game to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Eagles on Feb. 16, losing 57-60.

This game ended a 26-game winning streak for the Blue Devils. The last time UW-Stout lost to UW-La Crosse was Jan. 27, 1996. Even with the 13 turnovers that UW-Stout had, they led the way for the majority of the first half. The Blue Devils weren't able to hold on to the lead after the Eagles went on a 9-0 run to put them up 31-35 at the half.

Coming back from halftime, UW-Stout was on fire and went on a 12-0 run. Eight of the 12 points were scored by sophomore Julia Hirrsig. This 12-0 run gave the Blue Devils an eight point lead.

Throughout the half, UW-Stout had three separate eight point leads. In the last minutes of the game, UW-La Crosse fought back and Eagle Mackenzie Hunter hit a jump shot to put UW-La Crosse up by one with 1:16 left in the game.

On the next possession, the Blue Devils turned the ball over, forcing a foul to get the ball back. UW-La Crosse made their free throws to take the lead by three with 11 seconds remaining. The Blue Devils failed to get the shot off at the buzzer, losing to UW-La Crosse 57-60.

Hirrsig finished the game shooting 13-14 from the field, with 26 points and 11 rebounds. The Blue Devils shot 48 percent from the field, which was better than the Eagles 10 percent; UW-Stout also out rebounded UW-La Crosse 40-31. The loss to UW-La Crosse gave Eagles head coach Lois Heeren her 100th career win.

The Blue Devils had a commanding victory over the University of Wisconsin-Superior Yellowjackets on Feb. 13 with a score of 73-45. At the end of the first half the Blue Devils 26-18, but decided to turn their game up a notch after halftime.

After six minutes into the second half, UW-Stout ran their lead up to 20 points, 44-24. By the end of the first half, all 18 Blue Devils were able to see some playing time. Hirrsig gave the Blue Devils their only double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore Dany Boese led all the scorers with 12 points and junior Charlee Edwards had 11 points.

UW-Stout wasn't able to hold off the third-ranked University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks on Feb. 9, dropping the game 72-83. The Warhawks had five players with double-doubles. At halftime Whitewater was leading 29-35.

After halftime the Warhawks stretched their lead to as much as 18 with only 8:16 left in the game. With a little more than a minute left in the game the Blue Devils pulled UW-Whitewater's lead to within nine. UW-Stout shot 35.4 percent from the field against the Warhawks.

Senior Lindsey Geissler led the Blue Devils with 14 points and senior Joanna Bird added in 11 points. This win marked the first time UW-Stout was swept by Whitewater since the 1994-95 season.

The Blue Devils were able to pull off an impressive overtime victory against the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Pointers on Feb. 6 winning 92-79. UW-Stout led for a majority of the first half. Their extended it to as much as eight, and heading into the locker room the Blue Devils led by four.

UW-Stout lost their lead with 16 minutes left to play, but were quickly able to regain the lead until Pointer Laura Neuenfeldt hit a three-point shot with 25 seconds left in regulation play. This tied the game at 72. Geissler wasn't able to make the buzzer winner, putting the game into overtime.

The Pointers scored first in overtime play, but Hirrsig quickly answered back with a three-point play to take a lead that the Blue Devils never looked back from.

Boese hit a three-pointer to increase a four-point lead to seven. In the closing seconds of overtime play, Geissler made all four free throw attempts.

This game marked the third straight game that Hirrsig had a personal career high, scoring 30 points. She also added in 11 rebounds. Boese chipped in 17 points and six rebounds.

UW-Stout is sitting in fourth place in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings, behind UW-Whitewater, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and UW-Stevens Point. The Blue Devils will face the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Falcons on Feb. 20 at home.

Next UW-Stout will travel to Blugold territory on Feb. 23 to end regular season play. The WIAC tournament begins on Feb. 26 with the quarterfinals. After the WIAC tournament UW-Stout will try to make a run for the National Collegiate Athletic Association title.



Contributed photo by Layne Pitt
UW-Stout's senior Mary Schaefer shoots for the hoop against UW-Whitewater on Feb. 9.



Contributed photo by Layne Pitt
UW-Stout's sophomore Kim Stokke attempts to play defense against a UW-Whitewater offender on Saturday, Feb. 9.



Nick Klaren

This six-foot one-inch junior forward from St. Paul, Minn. is a golf enterprise management major. Last year, Klaren saw action in 24 games. He managed two multi-point games against Concordia-Moorhead and St. Thomas. In

his spare time, Klaren enjoys playing baseball, golf, and working out.

Klaren was named the NCHA and WIAC player of the week after scoring two goals against the top-ranked St. Norbert team on Saturday, Feb. 9. This helped the Blue Devils stand their ground, ending the game at an even 3-3. So far this season Klaren has accumulated five goals and eight assists. The Blue Devils men's hockey team looks to advance in the playoffs as they play in the NCHA Quarterfinals against UW-Stevens Point on Friday, Feb. 22.



More action on the hardwood for the Blue Devils

by Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

UW-Stevens Point (L 58-86): In what looked to be their second conference win of the season, the Blue Devils were able to hold a lead for the first 11 minutes of the game before UW-Stevens Point got the ball rolling. The ball was actually more like falling through the net, but you get the picture.

Jerrel Enerson-Matthews helped push UW-Stout to its early lead by splashing his first three three-point baskets. This was a part of his team high 16 points.

Toward the end of the first half, the Pointers were able to go on a 16-2 run to take a 10-point lead before halftime 43-33.

As the second half got under way UW-Stout was able to muster a few baskets but the 10 point lead eventually evolved into a 20 point lead and that was all she wrote for the Blue Devils as they fell 86-58.

The two Blue Devils to reach double digits in points were E-Matt and Miles Webb who chipped in 10. Stevens Point was led by

Pete Rortvedt and Steve Hicklin who both scored 18.

UW-Whitewater (L 61-83): It was Menomoneie Lions Day at the Johnson Fieldhouse as the Blue Devils took on the Warhawks of UW-Whitewater.

For the second straight game the team was able to jump out to a commanding lead as they led off the game with a 12-1 scoring run. They continued playing at a high pace with the score 20-7 when the Warhawks were able to convert on timely three-pointers and play consistent defense.

To close out the half, UW-Whitewater was able to shoot efficiently at an 80 percent clip while taking a firm control of the game.

During the second half, the Warhawks continued their torrid shooting pace and were able to grab a lead that they would not relinquish. The leading scorers for UW-Stout were freshman Eric Hostetter with 13 points followed by Miles Webb who was held under his average again with 10.

UW-Superior (W 93-88): If there was ever a positive note to look back on in

the 2007-08 season, the series with UW-Superior would immediately jump out at you. UW-Stout enjoyed its second conference win of the season after sweeping UW-Superior on the year.

This being the final home game for the Blue Devils, the team was looking to show their crowd one last bit of excitement before finishing off the year on the road.

Game highlights included several nasty throw downs by the likes of John Donald and E-Matt. Miles Webb was able to shake his past two subpar performances with a double-double on the night.

He also drained a three at the halftime buzzer to give his team a narrow one point lead. Webb's 30 points and 11 boards led the team while E-Matt had an excellent game back from injury with 22 points and six assists.

UW-La Crosse (L 65-76): Once again, a big time scoring run by the opposition

midway through the game was enough to hold off the Blue Devils by dropping their record to 5-18 on the season. After a 15-0 run during the first half, UW-La Crosse overcame the early deficit that UW-Stout provided them.

Once they grabbed the lead for their own they would only let UW-Stout come within five points for the rest of the game. Once E-Matt made a triple to make it 54-59, the Eagles pulled out a game deciding 15-0 run.

Four of the five starters for UW-La Crosse were in double figures as they shot 82% from the charity stripe. The leading scorers for UW-Stout were Miles Webb and Alex Mason who had 15 and 12, respectively.

Webb also pulled down a game-high nine boards. UW-Stout continues to keep their slim chances at a WIAC Tournament birth within grasp as they travel to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on Feb. 20.

Gymnastics drops opening dual

by Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils gymnastics team finished third in the triangular tournament that they hosted on Feb. 15.

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Eagles led the way with a score of 183.275, followed by the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Blugolds who scored 176.25, and UW-Stout rounded out the triangular with a score of 175.075.

Freshman Naomi DeLara took first on the floor exercise with a 9.425 and placed second on the balance beam with a 9.50. Senior Ashley Timm tied for third on the floor exercise with sophomore Morgan Trumble with a 9.35. Sophomore Megan Hargens finished third in the all-around with a 36.125.

Other finishers for UW-Stout were Timm finishing seventh on the vault with a 9.25 and Hargens finishing ninth with a 9.20. Uneven bar finishers included Hargens with a 9.00 placing fourth and sophomore Rachel Manz with an 8.35 who placed 11th.

Balance beam finishers were Hargens who placed fifth with an 8.95 and sophomore Angela Blankenship who placed 11th with an 8.575. Hargens also finished seventh on the floor exercise with an 8.975.

UW-Stout was unable to pull off a

win in their opening dual meet against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Titans on Feb. 8, losing with a score of 177.125-179.925. DeLara won a first place finish on the balance beam and broke her own school record. The record she previously set in the first meet of the season was a 9.675, and she scored a 9.70 against the Titans.

Hargens also won a first place finish on the uneven bars with a 9.10. Timm took two second place finishes, one on the balance beam with a 9.35 and the other in the all-around with a 36.025. Trumble and Timm tied for a third place finish on the vault with a 9.05.

Other finishers for the Blue Devils included Timm placing fourth on the uneven bars with an 8.85 and Manz finishing right behind her with an 8.70. Hargens finished sixth on the balance beam with a 9.00 and Trumble finished ninth with an 8.65.

Timm finished fourth on the floor with a 9.25 and Trumble, Hargens and DeLara placed sixth, seventh and eighth on the floor.

The Blue Devils will see Gustavus Adolphus on Feb. 22 at home where senior night and parent's night will be celebrated. Then UW-Stout will travel to the Hamline Invite in St. Paul, Minn. on Feb. 24.

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Monday, February 25
Men's Quarterfinals, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26
Women's Quarterfinals, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27
Men's Semifinals, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 28
Women's Semifinals, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 1
Men's & Women's Championships, 3 or 7 p.m.

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Men's hockey team ends regular season play



Contributed photo by Dan Nelson
UW-Stout's freshman forward Danny Ryan Jr. prepares for a faceoff against St. Norbert College on Saturday, Feb. 9.



Contributed photo by Garrett Guntley
UW-Stout's junior forward Rob Mueller battles with an opposing St. Norbert College player.

by Michael Broetzmann
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Hockey team wrapped up its season over the past two weekends as it finished its regular season play in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association.

The team had its shares of ups and downs as it won, tied and lost all in a matter of three games.

The team started with a blowout victory against Lake Forest as it muscled in seven goals. Scoring for the Devils was Robert Carr, Derek Hanson, Jeff Wheeler, Scott Sikkink and a pair of goals that was put in by Danny Ryan.

Stellar goal keeping was performed by both seniors on the squad, Mike Stone and Glenn Walker. Combined, they stopped 24 shots on the goal, and rewarded the team with its second shutout victory of the season.

UW-Stout took the ice the following night to face off against the number one ranked St. Norbert's College, who the evening before secured their NCHA conference championship with an impressive road victory against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

In spite of the fact that St. Norbert's benched its starting goalie and other key players, UW-Stout still had to fight long and hard to hold together for a tie.

The team had the sight of a victory in its eyes, when late in the third period St. Norbert's managed to rocket one into the net directly off of a face-off to tie the game at 3-3. Neither team was able to muster an effort together in overtime to give either team a victory.

UW-Stout played very well in the power play, as two of the three goals they scored were on power play opportunities.

Scoring two goals for UW-Stout was Nick Klaren, and putting in the third goal was Derek Hanson.

The team finished off its NCHA season on the road against UW-River Falls. The winner of this game would receive home rink advantage for the first two rounds of the NCHA Peter's Cup.

UW-River Falls came out of the gates quickly as it put up four unanswered goals, three of which were in the first 10 minutes of play. UW-Stout fought hard in the second period to bring the score to 4-2, as Jack Woglemuth flipped in two impressive power-play goals.

Each team put in another set of goals to raise the final score to 5-3, giving UW-River Falls the home rink advantage.

UW-Stout finished the regular season with a 7-5-2 NCHA record, and a 15-7-3 record overall. It finished third in the NCHA and second in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The team can't be disappointed as they faced some of the top teams in the country week in and week out.

The conclusion of the season also brings the announcement of the All-NCHA team. UW-Stout finished with two athletes earning the honors in Joel Gaulrapp and Jack Woglemuth.

Joel earned numerous NCHA player of the week awards and was an overall great addition to the team this year. He finished sec-

ond on the team in goals, but finished with the highest goal percentage with a 43.2 percent shooting. His timeliness and big game performances had an enormous impact of the team.

Jack performed all season long and led the team in assists. This is his second year on the All-NCHA team, and as a junior, you can be sure he will make a run for his third year in a row next season.

UW-Stout will make a run at the playoffs starting this Friday, Feb. 22, as

it will play host to the Pointers from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, as it will play two games this weekend on home ice.

UW-Stevens Point has only lost two of its last 11 games, more notably, tying the top-ranked St. Norbert's and defeating UW-River Falls.

Both games are sure to be fast-paced and filled with action. They start at 7:30 p.m. at the Dunn County Ice Arena.

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Women's Basketball

Record: 16-8, 10-5 WIAC

The women's basketball team lost their game to UW-La Crosse on Feb. 15, 2008, snapping a 26 game losing streak against UW-Stout since the 1996 season. The Blue Devils led for most of the first half, but let UW-La Crosse end the half on a 9-0 streak, trailing 31-35 at half. Although UW-Stout battled back in the second half, they failed to maintain their lead and lost 60-57.

Next game: (Away) at UW-Eau Claire on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 3 p.m.



Men's Track & Field

The UW-Stout men's track and field team participated in a tournament in Duluth, Minnesota on February 16, 2008. It was here where UW-Stout's Kendall Wade took first-place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.6 seconds. Wade managed to take the silver medal in the 55-meter dash as well. He also finished third in the long jump with a mark of 20-11.75. The men's track and field team heads to the University of Minnesota to partake in the Snowshoe Open.

Next meet: (Away) at the Snowshoe Open hosted by the University of Minnesota on Friday, Feb. 22.



Men's Basketball

Record: 7-18

The UW-Stout men's basketball team nabbed one of their only wins this year against UW-Superior in their final home game of the 2007-2008 season. The Blue Devils trailed for most of the first half until UW-Stout's Miles Webb drained a three right before halftime, entering the locker room with a one point lead. UW-Superior couldn't battle back in the second half, allowing UW-Stout to sneak by, winning 93-88.

Next game: (Away) at UW-Eau Claire on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 5 p.m.



Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 15-8-3

The Blue Devils men's hockey team managed to get a tie against the top-ranked St. Norbert College on Saturday, Feb. 9. UW-Stout junior Nick Klaren was named the NCHA and WIAC player of the week after scoring two goals against St. Norbert College. The Blue Devils look to extend their season with a playoff win against UW-Stevens Point this Friday.

Next game: (Home) NCHA Quarterfinals against UW-Stevens Point on Friday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Kendall Wade placed first in the 200-meter dash | Nick Klaren named NCHA and WIAC player of the week | Women's basketball lost to UW-Eau Claire by three points

Wade continues early season dominance

by Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

As the 2008 University of Wisconsin-Stout men's track & field team gets the season under way, a junior on the team has begun to emerge as the guy to beat in the early goings of this season.

Kendall Wade is his name, and he has captured three 1st place victories to go along with three second place finishes among the first four meets of the season.

He competes in the 55 and 200-meter dashes along with the long jump and high jump where he recently posted a career high jump of 6 feet 5 inches. While Wade has been outperforming the competition, the rest of the track team has been keeping pace with him.

Top five finishes were a common place during the first four meets and several others captured first place finishes. Eric Wheeler (55-meter hurdles) and Adam Kloss (pole vault) were just some of the athletes who garnered first place in their respective events.

To go along with the veterans of the team, several freshmen have stepped up to provide top three finishes on a consistent basis. Mike Granke (3rd), Peter Johnston (2nd) and Vinny Tuminello (3rd) were able to place themselves in their events of 600-me-

ter, 5000-meter and pole vault, respectively. As for the throwers on the team, Andrew Berlin and Sean Larson have been making strides during the first four meets.

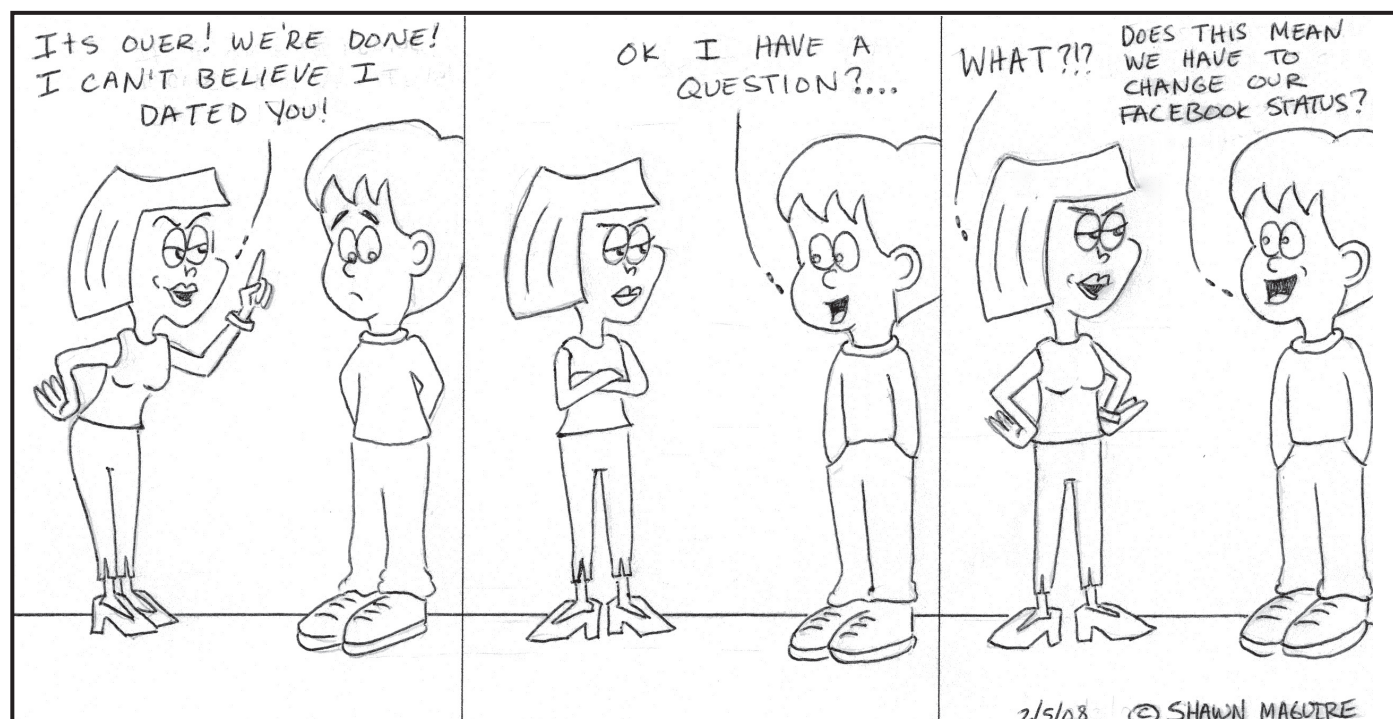
Larson took 3rd in the 35-pound weight toss at the Border Battle Meet and 2nd place at the Bowlus Open. As for other notable

finishes in the throwing department, Ryan Ament and Andrew Berlin were able to secure top five finishes in the shot put.

The captains for the 2008 season are sprinter Bob Schmitz, thrower Berlin and sprinter/jumper Joe Newgren. As the season continues on, the vast improvement shown

over the first four meets should only continue to happen.

The Blue Devils have a unique blend of upper and lower class who should be able to make UW-Stout a force for the rest of the season. They take their skills to the University of Minnesota this Friday, Feb. 22 for the Snowshoe Open.



Community

Thursday, February 21

- The Niche Grand Re-Opening. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2nd Floor, Home Economics

- Support Group for Sexual Assault Survivors. 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Room 425, Bowman Hall

- Job Search Strategies Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

- Sigma Sigma Sigma Recruitment Event: Dress to Impress. 5:45 p.m. Ballrooms, MSC

- Carl Picconatto presents lecture: "Nanotechnology: Recent Developments and Some Perspectives on the Future." 6:30 p.m. Room 290, Micheels Hall

Friday, February 22

- Sigma Sigma Sigma Recruitment Event: Dress to Impress. 5:45 p.m. Ballrooms, MSC

Saturday, February 23

- Annual BSU Ball. Cost: \$11/ ticket. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Hor' dourves begin at 6 p.m. Dance 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Monday, February 25

- Sassy Seconds held by Stout Apparel Society. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ballroom B, MSC

- Cabot Executive to Speak: People Process Culture Speaker Event. Speaker: Robyn Waters. 12:20 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

Tuesday, February 26

- EDGE Program: Financial Aid. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Room 205, Millennium Hall

- Sassy Seconds held by Stout Apparel Society. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ballroom B, MSC

- Interviewing Workshop. 1:30 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, February 27

- Job Search Strategies Workshop. 1:30 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

Thursday, February 28

- Resume Writing Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

Friday, February 29

- Nifty-Thrifty Prom. Cost: \$5. 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Ballrooms A and B, MSC

Saturday, March 1

- Broomball Tournament 2008. 10 a.m. Wilson Park, Menomonie

Monday, March 3

- Sport Lead Climbing Class. Cost: free members, \$5 non-members. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Tuesday, March 4

- Interviewing Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, March 5

- Job Search Strategies Workshop. 2:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

- Open Pool Sessions for Boaters. Cost: \$5 students, \$10 community. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Entertainment

Thursday, February 21

- Chooglin' with France Has The Bomb music. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Friday, February 22

- Across the Universe – movie. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

- Menomonie Theater Guild "Little Shop of Horrors" – musical. Cost: \$15 adults, \$14 students and seniors. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Saturday, February 23

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Sunday, February 24

- Menomonie Theater Guild "Little Shop of Horrors" – musical. Cost: \$15 adults, \$14 students and seniors. 2 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Monday, February 25

- Teaching the Levees: a Spike Lee documentary. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Room 138, Ally Center, MSC

- Teaching the Levees: a Spike Lee documentary. 4:40 p.m. to 6 p.m. Room 138, Ally Center, MSC

- Wigen Idol with SingStar. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Study Lounge, Wigen Hall Basement

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Thursday, February 28

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- Danceband with MC/VL – music. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

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Sunday, March 2

- Menomonie Theater Guild "Little Shop of Horrors" – musical. Cost: \$15 adults, \$14 students and seniors. 2 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Tuesday, March 4

- Brother Ali – music. Cost: \$5/ ticket. 8 p.m. The Great Hall, MSC

Athletics

Friday, February 22

- Men and Women's Track @ Snowshoe Open (Univ. Minnesota), Minneapolis, MN

- Softball vs. Northwestern College @ Rosemount, MN. 9 a.m.

- Gymnastics vs. Gustavus Adolphus. 6 p.m.

- Hockey host UW-Stevens Point, NCHA Quarterfinals. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 23

- Women's Basketball @ UW-Eau Claire. 3 p.m.

- Men's Basketball @ UW-Eau Claire. 7 p.m.

- Hockey host UW-Stevens Point, NCHA Quarterfinals. 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 24

- Gymnastics @ Hamline Invite. 1 p.m.

Monday, February 25

- Women's Basketball WIAC First Round. 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26

- Men's Basketball WIAC First Round. 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27

- Softball vs. St. Scholastica @ Rosemount, MN. 9 a.m.

- Women's Basketball WIAC Second Round. 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 28

- Men's Basketball WIAC Second Round. 7 p.m.

Friday, February 29

- Men's and Women's Track WIAC Championships, Superior, WI. 11 a.m.

Saturday, March 1

- Hockey NCHA Semi-Finals, Highest Seed

- Men's and Women's Track WIAC Championships, Superior, WI. 11 a.m.

- Women's Basketball WIAC Championship. 3 or 7 p.m.

- Men's Basketball WIAC Championship. 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4

- Softball vs. Augsburg College @ Rosemount, MN. 9 a.m.



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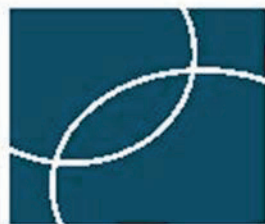
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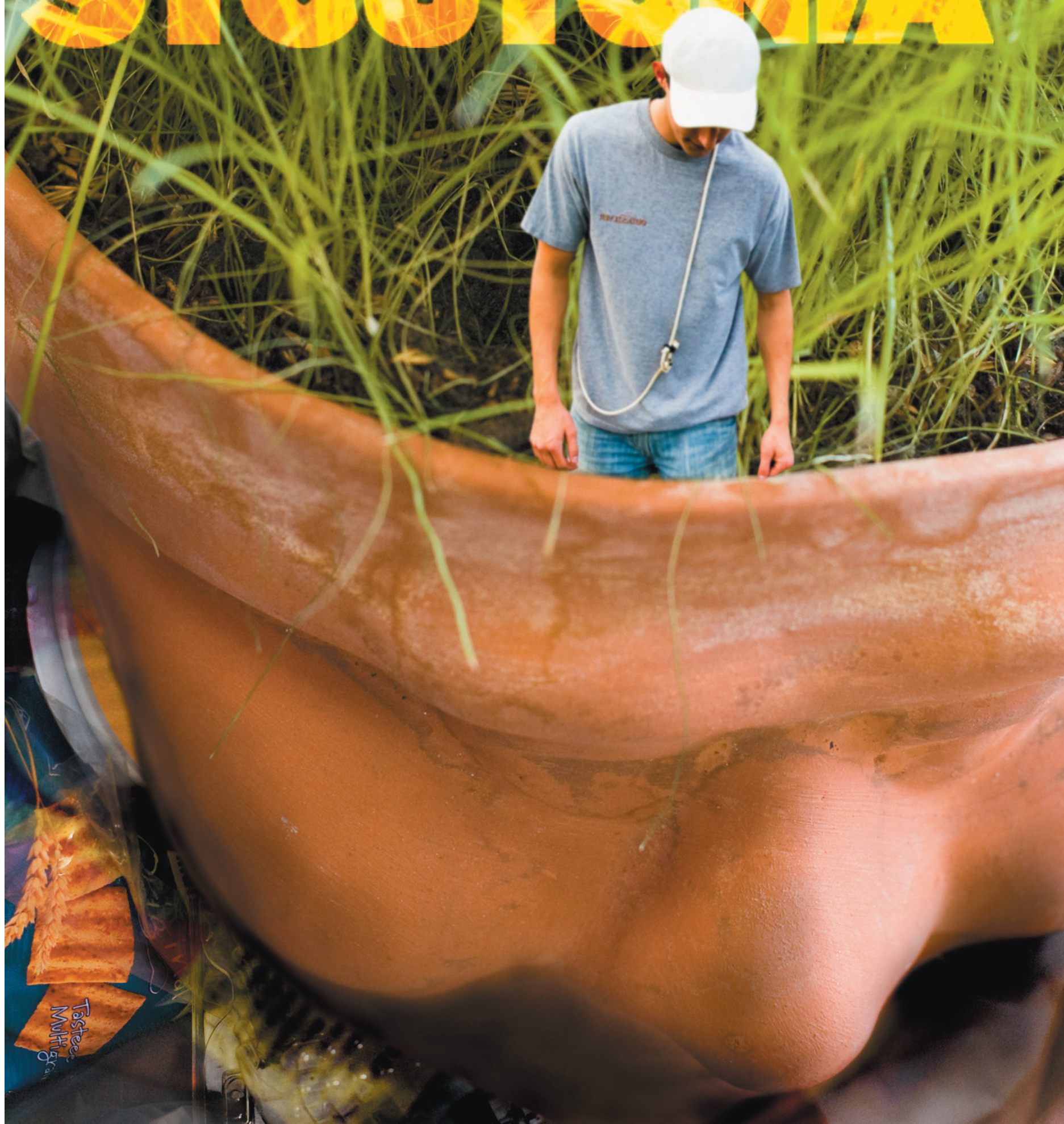


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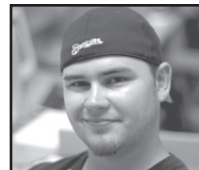
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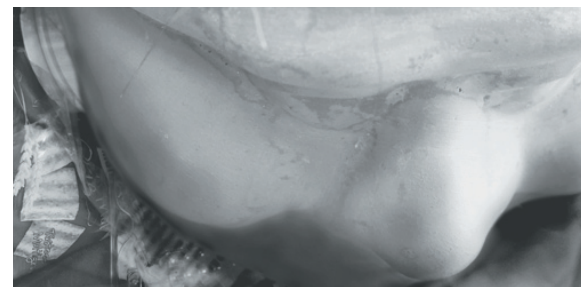
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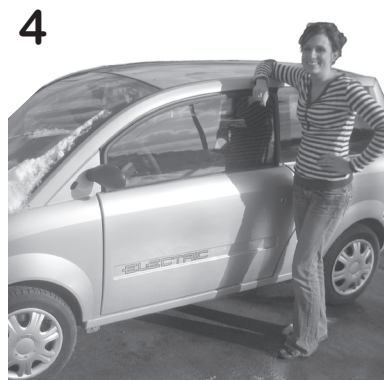
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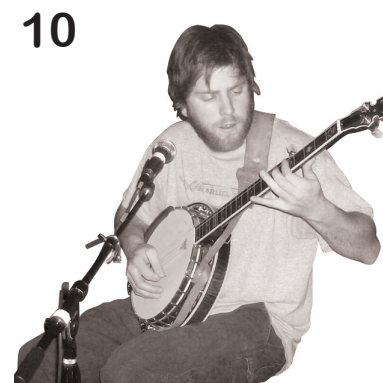
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Welcome to Poverty

Pop. 36,500,000

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

"When you go into poverty, there are no rules or instructions."

With those words from Karen Fritz, a University of Wisconsin Extension educator, and little more information, a bell rang signaling week one of the poverty simulation.

The program, brought to the University of Wisconsin-Stout by Dr. Jeanne Rothaupt's Family Resource Management Class, attempts to educate the public about poverty by putting volunteers into a low income family's situation for a month.

"The object of the program is to sensitize us to people in the situation where there is a limited income," said Fritz.

Volunteers were mostly students from UW-Stout and were put in chairs surrounding each other representing houses. The "parents" were given a packet with their names, their children's names, money and information on the family's situation.

Four weeks were represented by fifteen minute cycles where each month the family had to pay their bills, drop their kids off at school and feed the family. Once the month was up, the families and agencies which the

families used to get through the month got together for a discussion.

"Let's see how you did..." reflects Fritz. "Only one parent fed their family every week."

As volunteers discuss how they felt during the experience, she reminds the audience of the simulation's reality.

"The family situations in this simulation are based on the average income for those in poverty; there are some people who earn even less. Most have parents who both work full time jobs, but are getting paid too little.

With minimum wage at \$6.50 an hour, the yearly income is \$13,000, which would barely cover costs of a house, let alone food for an entire family. We also see a lot of families that once earned a

good income, but their spouse died or they got divorced and are dealing with half of the income they once had."

"The system seems to be designed for people willing to shuffle around, and wait," commented Dr. Bob Horan, an English and Philosophy professor.

As the discussion wraps up, Fritz encourages the volunteers to take their experience and make a difference.

"There are numerous ways to help the poor in the community," said Fritz. "We are hoping by conducting the simulation, we

"I felt worthless..."

"Constantly stressed out..."

"I was always rushed..."

"Helpless..."

-Volunteers' responses after simulation

What can YOU do to get involved?

DONATE your clothes to Goodwill. Goodwill industries provides employment and training services for people with disadvantages such as welfare dependency and homelessness.

EDUCATE yourself by attending an informational session on "The changing face of hunger" on Monday March 10 in the Ally center. Showings at 11:30 a.m., 4:40 and 9 p.m. Or, A panel on hunger and homeless in Dunn County from 6 p.m. in Ballrooms A and B of the Memorial Student Center.

BUY A BOWL filled with homemade soup and bread at "Empty Bowls". The Menomonie Middle School is hosting this event on Saturday March 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and all proceeds go to the Interfaith Food Pantry and Menomonie Area Bread for the World to benefit local people in need.

will be enabling people to help out more."

Dr. Rothaupt brought the program to UW-Stout because "our Human Development and Family Studies graduates will be working with individuals and families across the economic spectrum, and many students will work with people who live in poverty."

She hopes that her students will understand the situations of those in poverty better from the experience.

"The simulation helps bring to life information studied in the classroom," said Fritz. "But unfortunately, this is not a game for 36.5 million who are in poverty."



RESULTS FOR WEEK #4

Grand Champion: #1 UW-Madison, #2 UW-Stout

Per Capita Classic: #1 UW-Oshkosh, #2 UW-Madison

Waste Minimization: #1 UW-Stout, #2 UW-Madison

Gorilla Prize: #1 UW-Madison, #2 UW-Oshkosh

Targeted Material Paper: #1 UW-Stout, #2 College of Menominee Nation

Targeted Material Cardboard: #1 UW-Madison #2 UW-Stout

Targeted Material Bottles and Cans: #1 UW-Madison, #2 UW-Stout

*These are UW-Stout's standings against the other Wisconsin schools involved in RecycleMania. The Wisconsin schools can choose which categories to enter. UW-Stout is entered in all the categories this year. If you would like to know UW-Stout's standings nationwide, please visit the official RecycleMania website www.recyclemaniacs.org

Going for the GREEN

Stout takes steps towards an eco-friendly campus

Maggie Meixl
Staff Writer

Okay, fine. Earth week is April 22, 2008. So why should I care now?

Colleges and universities around the nation are catching the "green" bug. Many campuses are forging new ground, replacing old ways of operating with sustainable methods.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout has

There are many ways to get involved with UW-Stout's sustainability efforts and numerous ways to cut down on personal negative impacts on the environment.

- Greensense is an environmentally-friendly group made up of students who share a passion for the environment. All students are welcome to join their Monday night meetings at 7 p.m. in the Terrace. <http://greensense.uw-stout.edu>

- The Sustainability Committee is open to any sustainable ideas for the campus from students. Recycling centers are outside every dorm on campus for residents to take advantage of. www.uwstout.edu/sustainability/

- Campus buildings are filled with bins for paper, plastic and aluminum, encouraging students to take the time to recycle.

taken a grassroots approach to sustainability. Student and staff volunteers with a passion for the environment have led the movement to make campus actions more sustainable.

On Sept. 15, 2007, at the petition of UW-Stout students and staff, Chancellor Sorenson signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. Campuses nationwide have signed the commitment to integrate sustainability into their curriculum to better serve their students and meet their social mandate to help create a thriving, ethical and civil society.

To ensure an organized approach to sustainability, UW-Stout created a new part-time position. Raina Clark serves as the Environmental Sustainability Coordinator for the campus.

"Our number one plus at UW-Stout is that we are the most energy efficient campus in the UW System because we have maintained our systems well and we also have a number of energy conscious people working here," Clark said.

Clark heads the campus-wide sustainability plan, made up of volunteer students and staff, which organizes work groups for various environmental, recycling and composting projects. Anyone with an idea for a sustainability project

can bring it to the committee for assistance.

"If you really want to do or participate in something, I am your first stop," Clark said.

RecycleMania is on campus for the second year in a row. UW-Stout is once again leading the UW campuses in the Waste Minimization category and is in the top 11 percent of all campuses in this category.

Students Heidi Behnke and Mandy Mulder, also the acting Greensense president, organize the event for the campus

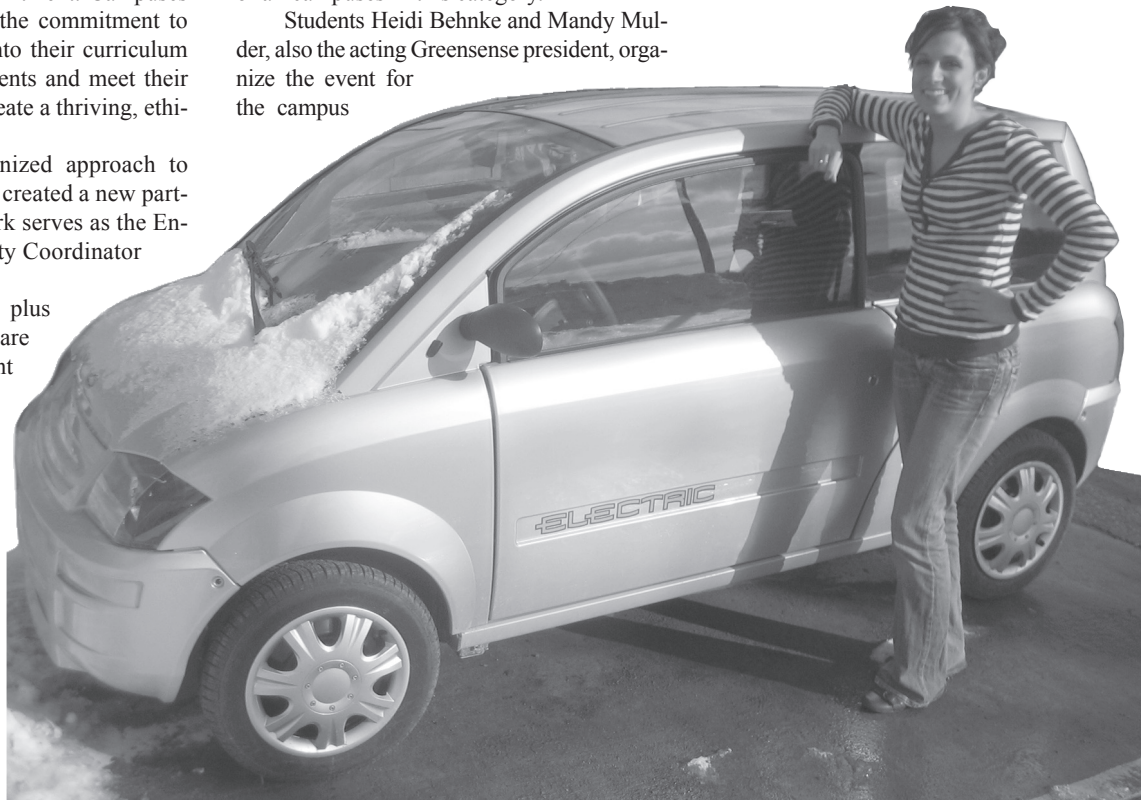
and are receiving help from Biology 111 lab groups. The 56 lab groups are responsible for promoting the 10-week event to the campus through presentations and advertisements.

"RecycleMania is about promoting recycling on campus so that when students leave, they can take what they've learned with them," Behnke said.



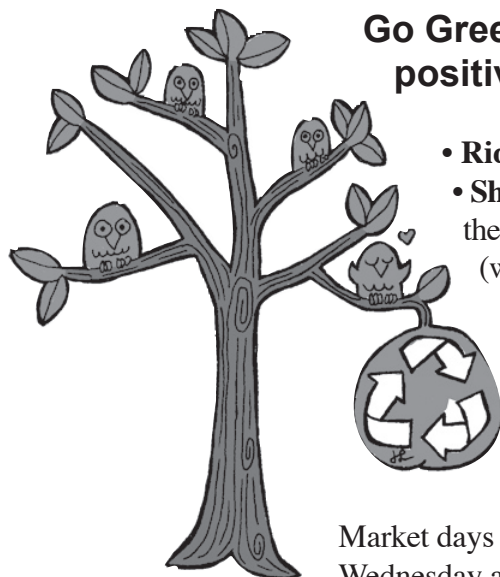
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Bituminous eastern coal burned at UW-Stout from the mid-November to mid-March. Bituminous coal is a soft coal used to generate electricity that is only mined in states such as West Virginia and Kentucky.



Maggie Meixl/Stoutonia

Rebecca Hargrave, student employee at university police and parking services guards Stout's newest weapon against parking offenders, the ZENN car!



Jessica Leafblad

Go Green! How to have a positive impact.

- **Ride your bike** to class!
- **Shop with a greenbag** to reduce the number of plastic bags used. (www.greenbag.info)
- **Buy locally grown food** from the Menomonie Farmers Market at Wilson Park. Opens the first Saturday in May and ends the last Saturday in October.

Market days are from noon to 6 pm on Wednesday and from 8 am to 1 pm on Saturday

University Dining Centers produce many tons of organic recyclables that are currently being thrown away instead of recycled. The dining centers are working side-by-side with students and staff to find a way to use these in either a composting system or an anaerobic digester to help UW-Stout reduce the amount of waste produced. It may also be possible to use the food waste to produce electricity and high-quality composting material.

"We are currently working with dining services and Greensense to brainstorm ways we can change the campus culture and infrastructure in order to get students to separate their food waste and also appropriately dispose of compostable food containers," assistant biology professor Kitrina Carlson said.

Dining services is currently researching compostable take-out containers and collecting data on amount and type of food waste collected.

"We've had great interest and support by the Stout students and faculty. Dining services is very excited to implement a system to appropriately dispose of food waste and we're discussing developing a campaign to promote sustainability issues to UW-Stout students," Carlson said.

Composting pilot projects are expected to start soon.

At 4 feet 6 inches tall, the new ZENN car used by campus parking enforcement officers is getting some questioning looks from unknowing UW-Stout students.

The zero-emission no-noise car runs completely on a rechargeable battery and is nearly silent while driving. It can reach speeds up to 30 mph and run for 30-50 miles on an eight-hour battery charge.

Designed for urban transport, the car is a perfect fit for the needs of parking enforcement officers on campus, allowing them a comfortable ride while doing their job.

According to ZENN manufacturers, one gallon of gas provides the same energy as fully charging the car about seven times making it a smart economical choice for UW-Stout.

"We're trying to be as green as we can possibly be doing what we do with parking," Keith McCarten of UW-Stout's Police and Parking Services said.

The car has been featured in newspaper articles and on Channel 18 WQOW, the Eau Claire news station, since UW-Stout parking services purchased it in February. At 1,200 pounds, it would be easy to assume that the silver ZENN would be difficult to spot on campus, but its unique shape and frequency of use ensure that Stout students will see a lot of it in the coming months.

"We need to make (sustainability) a part of our everyday lives. There's no one big thing we can do. We are trying to be a leader in showing people what opportunities are to make choices to impact the quality of everyone's life in the future," McCarten said.

Take green to a whole new level with UW-Stout's new minor in sustainable design and development beginning fall 2008. The new minor will be offered through the department of engineering and technology and is an interdisciplinary approach that integrates the natural and social sciences with technical course work in a variety of disciplines associated with environmental issues. The meeting of current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs is growing in industry, as manufacturers consider multiple uses of products throughout the products' life cycles.

Personal efforts, such as cutting down on time in a hot shower, walking to the store or riding a bike to class may seem like insignificant efforts against a large global warming problem, but they're all a good start to a positive, more sustainable future for UW-Stout.



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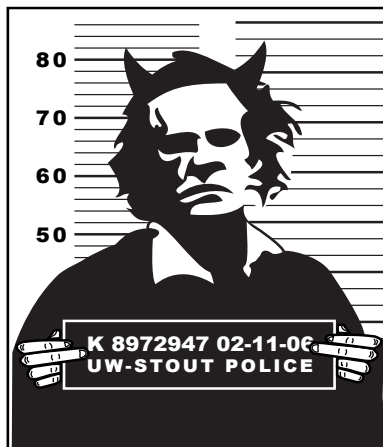
Jill Klegin uses a "green bag" to complete her shopping at Market Place foods. Green bags are and environmentally friendly alternative to the traditional paper or plastic bags which can be reused indefinitely.

Around Wisconsin

In September of 2006, Governor Doyle mandated a pilot program to demonstrate that four state university campuses could be completely energy independent within five years. Among those chosen were the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, because they already had significant sustainability actions in place. These campuses are experimenting with different means of operating.

The UW-Stevens Point has a green roof on its library. Five different drought tolerant plants are embedded into UV-resistant trays, which catch rainfall for the plants to absorb, leaving less harmful rain runoff. The plants provide extra insulation for the building whereby reducing energy usage. UW-Stevens Point is also using alternative methods, on one of its dorms. Solar panels on the roof produce energy that is used by the dorms environmentally-friendly hot water system.

Ripon College, located in southeastern Wisconsin, will implement a new program in 2012 that encourages students to "just say no" to cars. Incoming students will have the option to sign a pledge saying that they will not bring a car to campus for the duration of the upcoming academic year. Those who participate will be given a brand-new mountain bike, helmet and lock to keep.



~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity
from Menomonie

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Feb. 18 through March 2

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UAD – 2nd offense – 1
UAD 3rd offense – 2
Operate Motor Vehicle Off Roadway – 2
State – Disorderly Conduct – Domestic – 1
State – Sexual Assault 3rd Degree – 1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 2
Possession of Marijuana – 1
I.D. Card Violation – 1
Furnish Alcohol to Underage Persons – 1

Somebody was hungry for some hippos

Friday, Feb. 22, 8:40 p.m.

A woman called the police to report damage to her personal property. The woman said someone had entered her room and took a purple porcelain hippo off of her shelf.

A short time later, she heard something break in the nearby stairwell. She went to investigate and found the shattered remains of her hippo.

A broken beer bottle was found one floor above the hippo, but police were unable to make a connection between the two.

No one had permission to take and destroy the woman's hippo.

Oblivion causes stupidity

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 8:10 p.m.

After a woman finished donating blood at the Memorial Student Center, she found her backpack and its contents to be stolen. She put her backpack in the same area as other blood donors.

After realizing her backpack was gone, she reported her credit cards and cell phone stolen and called campus police.

She later reported to police that someone contacted her through Facebook and stated they had found her backpack. The woman said there was nothing missing and that it had been taken by mistake.

Flame on!

Monday, Feb. 25, 9:05 p.m.

As a University of Wisconsin-Stout police officer was on patrol, he observed flames coming from the alcove next to the dumpster pad at HKMC. He parked the squad vehicle near the alcove and witnessed a male subject

taking food off of a small Coleman gas grill. By the time the officer exited the vehicle, the male subject had already left the area.

After searching through the first floor of Milnes Hall, the attempt to locate the male subject was unsuccessful.

The owner of the grill never returned to the crime scene, so the officer confiscated it and brought it to police headquarters. Later, the owner contacted police to report his grill stolen.

The responding officer brought the grill to him and went on to read him Chapter 18.06(11) on Fire Safety.

What is this, a crap shoot?

Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1:05 p.m.

A professor in the gaming management program reported that two blackjack gaming chips were stolen out of the gaming management laboratory.

She informed police that she discovered the main entry door into the lab had been rigged for gained entry. There was an approximate one-quarter inch gap between the two large doors, exposing clear access to the locking bolt.

The professor contacted all registered students of the program to alert them of the theft and to allow the person who may have stolen the chips to return them back to her anonymously.

She also contacted the maintenance staff to look at options to better secure the doors.

My car may be crappy, but it's not a trash can!

Thursday, Feb. 28, 12:30 p.m.

A man returned to his vehicle parked in Lot 1 to find a UW-Stout parking ticket, an empty juice container and blue plastic bags placed on his vehicle. The parking ticket was not issued to his vehicle and he did not know where the debris came from.

Police contacted the person who was issued the parking ticket to question him about the situation at hand. He stated that he thought the complainant's vehicle was a friend's and wanted to play a practical joke on him so he placed the parking ticket on his vehicle. He didn't realize he had placed the ticket on the wrong vehicle until the friend he thought he pranked did not have it. The person who was issued the ticket did not know where the garbage came from on the complainant's vehicle.

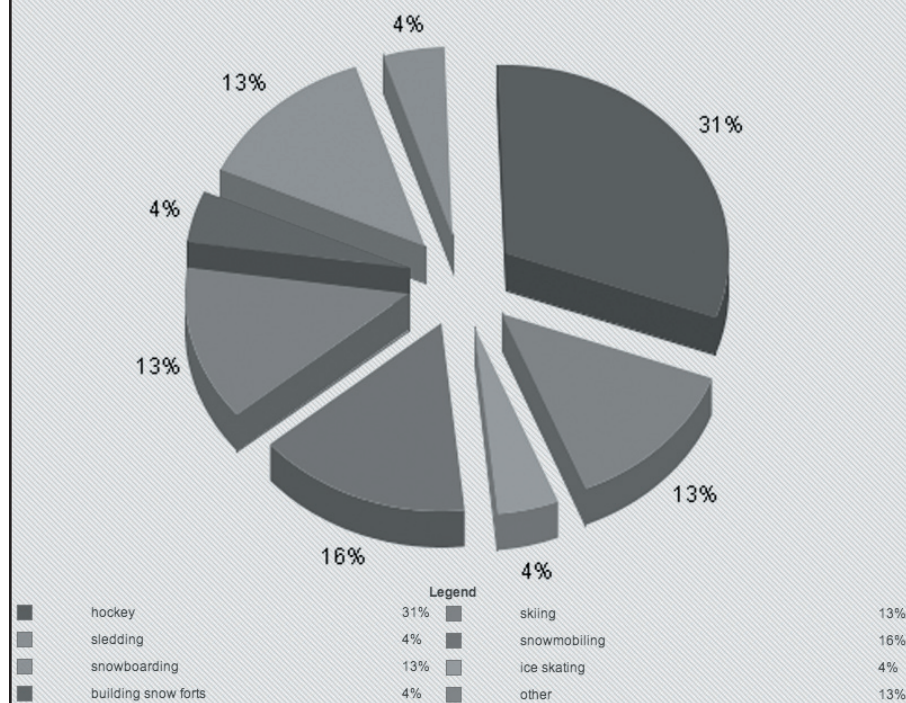
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ACADEMICIAN GRAFFITI

Opinion columns written by some people with street cred: your professors

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Amidst the seemingly ceaseless frenzy of American political media coverage and commentary, one particular news-making and career-devastating item veered, albeit briefly, from the margins of the blogosphere to center-stage. The “too-sexy” mayor of the wee hamlet of Arlington, Oregon, population 500, Carmen Kontur-Gronquist’s forced resignation from office at the behest of townsfolk who could not abide the discovery that their then-mayor elect had, horror of horrors, posed next to the town’s volunteer fire department fire truck, clad in naught but her skivvies (an opaque black bra and boy-shorts), was announced Tuesday. Since Kontur-Gronquist had been elected three years ago – and the bra and panties brouhaha had emerged only recently, my inquiring mind got to wondering: why, and to what end?

Here are a few theories, my own, along with others proffered by family, friends in the so-called “real world” of corporate America (as opposed to academic America, which is merely a simulacrum of the real world), and finally, my colleagues, who share this hologram of an ivory tower with me.

Firstly, given the free-floating anxieties surrounding the presidential “electoral battle” – a hardly innocuous little euphemism currently so popular that it scored 1.74 million Google hits when I used it as a search term just a moment ago, the Oregonian

mayor’s recent fall from grace suggests that, on a smaller scale at least, those seeking a world that makes sense, one in which female sexuality can be controlled and individuals who hold public office can be held accountable, serves as some sort of cathartic release valve for a public overwhelmed by the ever-shifting and purportedly perpetually at risk sanctity of “American family values.”

This angle is particularly interesting because, in multiple interviews, the former mayor revealed that “a relative” posted the now notorious yet invaluable images of Kontur-Gronquist, a body-builder and life-guard, who had considered but opted not to enter a physical fitness contest, in order to “improve the single mom’s social life.”

March is Women’s History Month and the particular relationships between cultural and social constructs and perceptions about women, gender, beauty, power, value and sex – and the complex intersections and interstices thereof – will be the focus of numerous events on campus this month. Within this context, the specific dynamics surrounding Kontur-Gronquist’s political rise and fall beg for a closer look; of course, there are far more compelling and critical issues confronting our nation and world right now, but I think there’s more going on here than initially (pardon the very bad pun) meets the eye.

Consider this: images of former Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura – and current California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger – both scantily and provocatively clad are legion on the internet – and far more accessible than the MySpace pics that served to bring the Oregon mayor’s unpaid political career to a screeching, yet highly publicized,

halt. The line between celebrity and politician, if it still exists, is certainly wafer-thin at best. So what separates these less than dignified images of Jesse “The Body” Ventura and Arnold (UW-Superior alum) Schwarzenegger in a Speedo from those of Ms. Former Mayor? Would the answer, “gender,” be too easy? Or maybe it’s she who may be – “too easy” that is.

Americans have long held a double standard – grounded in our collective Puritan roots – that doesn’t allow for the cutting of much slack for women who err – consider the fallen crown of former Miss America, Vanessa Williams; her career appears to have survived, but will anyone ever forget? I predict that Kontur-Gronquist – who is now auctioning off copies of the questionable pictures that caused her fall from grace and mayoral place – and donating the money to charity – may well have her own talk show by this time next year.

So much for what I think; surely, others see the matter differently. And, as promised, here’s a glimpse from those who do. Just a few days ago, an unnamed UW-Stout person, when queried about the then embattled mayor’s precarious position, offered this interesting theory, “If George Bush were to post pictures of himself in his underwear on MySpace, he’d be impeached.” Somehow, I don’t think so. Hell, he can violate the constitution while fully dressed and manage to avoid being called onto the proverbial carpet.

My mother, when asked about the subject, dismissed it as “ridiculous,” my father didn’t know what I was talking about and my brother put his seven-year-old on the phone instead of responding.

My friends in corporate America, both of whom are employed in nearby Minneapolis and who hold respectable, and real jobs and earn concomitant wages, both declared that above all, if a situation like Kontur-Gronquist’s were to arise within the hallowed halls of their respective corporate entities, that it would “definitely be a matter for H.R.,” but that almost certainly proof of exercising “bad judgment” could serve as grounds for either not hiring, or for potentially firing an employee, since Minnesota is an “at will” work state. In other words, “Corporate Daddy don’t owe you a thing.”

Curiously, my female friend then expressed concern about the whereabouts of certain silly Halloween pictures taken back in the late ‘80s. I reminded her that she didn’t have a MySpace page then and that, more than likely, the photographs were no longer extant. “I do have a picture of both of us after we got those horrible perms, though,” I told her, although we both know that I am just as interested in maintaining the mystery of the bad perms as is she.

Whether it’s a bad perm or a picture of you in your undies, the lesson du jour here, kids, is this: don’t put stupid stuff online. It can come back to haunt you – and more. And now, in a Stoutonia exclusive, a news item missed by all other major media outlets, cyber and otherwise, my mysterious colleague the notorious “Dr. Z” in a fit of unrivaled empathy and selflessness, has offered to extend political asylum to Carmen Kontur-Gronquist where she is invited to hold – undisputed and without cease – the position of “Mayor of Dr. Z’s Office.”

2008: A classroom Odyssey | We are a polytechnic university are we not?

Jed Williams

Staff Writer

By polling random students across the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus, I’ve found that the common opinion held by the student body is that with the new designation as a polytechnic university, UW-Stout has an obligation to place a larger emphasis on the new technologies and practices used in the work force. In order for that to work, the professors expected to teach the next generation must themselves understand what is brought in to update the classrooms to match the work place. Just putting the e-scholar program into place and refurbishing the classrooms

with fancy projectors and document readers doesn’t mean that the mission to provide an up-to-date education is complete. Without the understanding of how to use the available technology, the only thing that UW-Stout has achieved is the purchase of ugly chandeliers and expensive paperweights.

The use of this technology is an unwritten requirement for the students because the fact is that without this understanding, it would be realistically impossible to complete a degree. In my experience on campus, I’ve seen that most students transition to the dependency on technology fairly well. I’ve also seen that the students that do not transition well struggle to keep up in classes and must get assistance in learning how to

use the electronic resources in order to avoid slipping beneath the surface of the pool of technology surrounding them. Seeing the commitment and dedication required by students to learn how to use the resources available, I, along with many of my fellow students, find myself in a frustrating situation much too often for an advanced, privileged, “polytechnic” university.

A lecture hall is filled with students waiting for their professor to arrive and start class. Most of those present have their laptops out, checking e-mail, news, class notes, e-scholar or just wasting a few minutes in between classes. The professor walks in, greeting students, asking about the weekend, making small-talk, all while settling into

the class and preparing for the day’s lecture. The students see the massive screens for the projectors waiting just in front of them and begin to expect a PowerPoint, or some other type of electronic medium for the simple fact that it would be the easiest way for all 100-plus students to follow along with the material. The professor turns to the desk, ignores the computer and projector, and brings out several sheets with the materials for the lecture. All hope for a smooth class period goes out the door when the professor fails to figure out how to use the document viewer. From this point on, the rest of the

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day's lecture is done without a visual, with most students switching over to sports scores, celebrity gossip and flash games on their laptops. The next day in class, to the collective groan of the student body, the professor wheels in an outdated projector and shines the day's materials, crooked, blurry and hard to make out, onto the wall in front of the classroom; flash games move to a new high in popularity among students.

I know that this is an over-dramatization of what normally happens in most classrooms, but the fact that there are many professors that do not understand the technology available in each classroom is downright depressing. Many students agree that the introduction and use of the e-scholar program and other

new technologies have been very beneficial to UW-Stout. In my experience, and from the opinion of other students, I've found that even with the high regard for the e-scholar program, there has become a divide amongst the ranks of the professors. Regarding Desire2Learn, about 20 percent of the professors use it regularly, 50 percent use it in addition to the materials given and used in class and the other 30 percent don't even seem to acknowledge its existence.

To the university's credit, there is a week-long workshop offered to new faculty in order to introduce the new technology they will be working with. There are also plenty of other chances for the current faculty to become familiar with, and help in the advancement of the technology avail-

able in the classrooms. The drawback for the students is that, while most new professors do attend the workshop, nothing is required. This means that too many of the faculty members already employed choose not to attend the workshops and courses offered by the university.

"I would say that there are many opportunities for faculty to acquire new technology skills; however, I often see the same faces at the professional development sessions, which leads me to believe that not everyone on campus is interested," says Dr. Matthew J. Livesey, technical communications program director. This lack of interest from professors damages the university's reputation and appeal to incoming students.

Why do students really come to the decision to attend UW-Stout? For a large portion of the student body, proximity to their homes was a major factor. Other deciding points could have been the athletics, small-town community or the layout of the campus. For other students, myself included, the decision came down to the opportunities offered at UW-Stout to use technology in the classroom in order to prepare for a world where the use of such technology is largely becoming a requirement for success. If UW-Stout loses the draw that the availability of new technology creates, future classes of graduating high school seniors will consider it less and less of a viable option.

Democratic candidates step right up and buy your super delegate on shelves now!

Katie Kenner

Opinion Editor

Anyone who has been watching the democratic presidential race is probably wondering what the heck a super delegate is and why the democrats have them and republicans don't. I'll admit it, I didn't know what one was before this year either. In fact, I don't remember there being this much to do about a primary before either. It seems that there always was just that Republican or that Democrat to vote for with a few Independents thrown in. I never realized we could pick the Democrat or Republican from a group of candidates that we wanted to ultimately vote for in November. This year it was exciting to find out that I could vote for someone to become a presidential candidate. I had my candidate picked out, Mike Huckabee, but by the time the Wisconsin primary came around he was so far behind it felt like a waste of a vote. Even my Republican parents decided to vote Democrat, voting for Obama just for the fact that they do not want another Clinton in the White House nor even in the running. They voted in hopes that their vote would count and push Obama to the win of presidential candidate. It will count in a sense, but here comes the confusing part: something called a super delegate can push the win towards Clinton if they so choose.

A super delegate can have the power to change the ultimate Democratic candidate. Basically a super delegate is the Democrats' way of preventing a dark horse or person they don't like from entering the final presidential race.

There are 796 super delegates and 3,253 regular "pledged" delegates that make up the 4,049 total votes (delegates). The magic majority number of votes a candidate needs to become the presidential candidate is 2,025. Regular "pledged" delegates are appointed by statewide votes acquired by a candidate. Super delegates, or as they are officially called

by Democratic Party rules, "unpledged party leader and elected official delegates," are privileged people who get to vote, however they would like and count just as the other delegates that were "earned" by thousands of state votes.

The 796 super delegates in this year's Democratic National Convention are made up of 270 members of congress, 32 governors, 20 leaders and 313 more "typical" people like you and me that belong to the Democratic National Committee. Included in these 796 super delegates are former presidents such as Bill Clinton, vice presidents like Al Gore and other people that have vested interests in one candidate or the other. These super delegates are the democratic nominees' friends, colleagues, financial beneficiaries and even spouses.

Super delegates were created after George McGovern's landslide defeat in 1972. McGovern became the nominee, but won only one state and 37.5 percent of the popular vote in the general election. It was designed to prevent a nominee who was "out of sync with the rest of the party," Northeastern University political scientist William Mayer told MSNBC. Democratic National Committee member Elaine Kamarck called it a "sort of safety valve." Well, what kind of safety valve is this? To me, a very undemocratic one which favors not only Democrats as a whole but those special people that want things to go their way. In most cases, super delegates never come into play, but this year they just might which makes it important to point out how undemocratic they really are.

Richard Herrera, professor of political science at Arizona State University, makes the claim that the process was not meant to be democratic in the first place. "If anything, it was meant to take it out of the democratic process. In 1982, the party said they needed to have some professionals making decisions here to blunt the potential effects of what they perceived as amateur delegates making

decisions, those who vote with their heart and not their head." A good claim but really, shouldn't it be our mistake to make?

With super delegates, it comes down to the fact that we as voters can vote for our candidate but that the chosen candidate to represent the democratic party might not be chosen from our votes, but from the votes of those super delegates. That's some democratic process, isn't it? As one person put it on the whereistheoutrage.com "So, Obama could win the majority of the 'peoples' votes, but Hillary could persuade more of her buddies in the party who are super delegates to vote for her and she could win the nomination?" Not only can these candidates persuade their buddies or super delegates, they can buy them as well.

Elected officials who are super delegates have received at least \$904,200 from Obama and Clinton in the form of campaign contributions over the last three years, according to the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics. Not only can the candidates pay them, they can bribe them, call in old favors and do just about anything to win the super delegates over. Larry Sabato, a political scientist at the University of Virginia stated, "Only the limits of human creativity could restrict the ways in which Obama and Clinton will try to be helpful to super delegates." Sabato went on to say, "My guess is that if the nomination actually depends on super delegates, the unwritten rule may be, 'ask and ye shall receive.'" Not all super delegates are bribed and I must give credit to the few super delegates that have come out in support of the candidate their state has voted for, rather than the one who funded them the most. Still, you have to wonder how many of them vote with their minds and not by what they now have in their wallets.

New York Congressman Charlie Rangel, who is one of Clinton's top African-American allies says, "The people's will is what's going to prevail at the convention and not people who decide what the people's will is." Sure,

if this was so, then why is Hilary Clinton already wrangling up the super delegates, asking them to pledge to a candidate, specifically her? Because these super delegates are crucial to the candidate's success. In the Clinton campaign, campaigners are not allowed to even utter super delegate as they have now been dubbed "automatic delegate." The Clinton campaign is worried that the name super delegate may imply that they have super-powers or super influence when they don't. But don't they?

If the super delegates vote a candidate in who does not win the popular vote, people may realize that their vote doesn't count in the end or that the candidate can buy their nomination. Some people feel that it would be possible that a former elected official that is a super delegate may have changed their views since leaving office and those new views may no longer reflect those of the voters who previously elected them. But supposedly their experience and influence in the party is supposed to give authority to their participation as a super delegate. My views sometimes change every week and I am sure not all these super delegates have such solid convictions either. Some super delegates will do the right thing, but for others money can and will sway their decision.

Super delegates are not required to announce their choices and they can change minds. If a super delegate decides to change his mind, he can and will lend his support to a different candidate. Many of them have chosen to announce endorsements, making a big hurrah about it (think Ted Kennedy singing in Spanish). Super delegates who endorse another party's candidate, say a Republican for president lose their super delegate status and their vote, obviously will not be counted. Yet again another thing benefiting the Democratic Party. What a thoroughly inspiring democratic country we live in. What happened to the power of the people?

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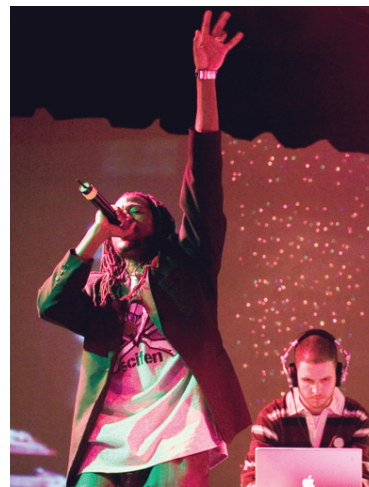
Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

Brother Ali (above) ripped up a decked-out Great Hall on Tuesday, March 4 with fellow rappers Abstract Rude (top right) and Toki Wright (bottom right) and DJ BK One (pictured with Toki). The three acts are part of "the Truth is Here" tour, named after Ali's latest album, "The Truth is Here," produced by Ant from the band Atmosphere. The show utilized good lighting and interesting use of a backdrop with video and live feed. DJ BK One stood stalwart at his tables and delivered the beats flawlessly throughout the entire show.

Toki Wright opened the show with controversial lyrics declaring "We are in the state of emergency," backed by popular artist samples. Toki, who has been compared to Common, demanded that we "question the people we give authority to."

The "legendary" Abstract Rude got the house primed for Ali's performance with well-received songs like "Dear Abbey" and lyrics that boasted an obvious marijuana habit. Abstract Rude's performance was the night favorite for many in the audience, as uptight, stoic white kids loosened up and started moving. Ali stormed the stage and romanced an expensive microphone with scratchy feedback effects and an electric tongue that never missed a syllable.

Each act maintained a unique identity despite the fact that they have travelled together for a while. The crowd's energy level grew to monumental levels as the show progressed, and all three rappers were well-received and would be welcomed back with open arms.



Banjo-playing reptiles in harmony

Chelsea Rickert
Entertainment Editor

Popular bluegrass quintet Trampled By Turtles returned to a packed Menomonie's Waterfront Bar and Grill to perform a sold-out show Tuesday, March 4.

"We like coming here because we fill up the place and it's a fun bar," said Dave Carroll, the band's banjo player. The band has toured across the country but has returned to Menomonie multiple times. Mandolinist Eric Berry was a resident of Menomonie in 1997 and enjoys coming back every time, to "revisit old memories."

The band formed in Duluth, Minn. with four original members, later to be joined by fiddler Ryan Young from the musical outfit Pert Near Sandstone. The band also consists of Tim Saxhaug on bass (who played accompanying acoustic guitar on Tuesday) and lead singer Dave Simonett on acoustic guitar.

Trampled by Turtles' designation as a bluegrass band resides on the fact that they lack a percussionist.

"We never said 'let's be a bluegrass band without drums,'" said Berry. "We just kind of fell into it."

Berry finds inspiration from Bill Monroe, the "father of bluegrass;" however, he also insisted "my son inspires me the most."

Carroll finds his inspiration from Jimmy Page, Led Zeppelin and others. Among the band's influences are Neil Young, Charlie Parr, Black Sabbath and the Beach Boys.

Their sound is unique for a bluegrass band, with rising tempos and random guitar tweak outs. The group has mastered the art of

harmonizing with each other but they are also adept at showcasing individual musical talents with fitting solos.

Sometimes bluegrass bands like to jam out for extended periods of time but TBT knows how to tell a story with their solos – each story containing a beginning, middle and end, unlike the endless jams that some bands who grace the Waterfront like to get lost in.

Basically, if Bob Dylan had babies with Janis Joplin, and those babies had babies with Neil Young, and those babies were taught by Tom Petty and then formed a musical group, they would sound like Trampled By Turtles. The music the five boys performed Tuesday was very dance-worthy. There were many drinks spilled due to the extreme proximity of the dance floor that resembled a can of sardines. Colliding sweaty bodies fed off the band's energy and in the end, the crowd roared for an encore. It was, in all instances, a wicked good show.

TBT has been signed to a Dutch record label but their music has yet to be released in the Netherlands. They plan to travel across the big pond and play at a music festival in Belfast, and hope to get a show in Amsterdam where the record label is based.

"Our greatest endeavor is to always progress," said Carroll.

They have played at the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Underground a couple of times and said they appreciated the venue for it's nice sound and equipment. The band plans to return to Menomonie again. Find more information and listen to some TBT jams on their Web site, TrampledByTurtles.com.



Amanda Katz/Stoutonia

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Thurs, March 6th '08:

- Kid Dakota w/ Captain Yonder @ The Underground 8pm FREE

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--- Fri, March 7th 7:00 - 9:30pm

--- Sat, March 8th 10:00am - 12:30pm

- Into the Wild @ APPA 210 7pm FREE

Sat, March 8th '08:

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- Gospel Gossip @ The Underground 8pm FREE

Typographic movement

Students put poetry in printed motion

Nathaniel Fellows
Staff Writer

In the next couple of days, there will be many lavender posters hanging on the walls in the buildings on campus. What are they? It turns out that the posters were created in Bill DeHoff's Graphic Design II class by University of Wisconsin-Stout students.

Each poster contains a famous poem that the students recreated by changing the typography (the arrangement and appearance of printed material.)

The students used their graphic design skills to make each poem stand out the way that the designer wanted. Some of the poems have swirling text while others use different fonts and spacing.

Sara Pokorny, a junior in graphic design, said, "You can choose the parts you want to highlight. The word 'light' is outlined so you feel light when you read it."

This project is a joint effort between the English and philosophy department's Literature Committee and Bill DeHoff's Graphic Design II course.

Dr. Kathryn Mapes, co-chair of the committee, stressed the importance of students reading poetry.

"We want students to get interested in poetry," she said.

The committee chose all of the poems for DeHoff's entire class, and each poem contains a topic of compassion. All of the students in DeHoff's class worked on a poem, but only eight were chosen by the Literature Committee.

Pokorny said that she learned about "all the things you can do with type. It sounds boring, but it really is an important part of the design."

This joint project was started by Warren Lang in 2001, and has been providing students with a new outlook about on ever since.

Ode to Tomatoes

by Pablo Neruda

The street
filled with tomatoes,
midday,
summer,
light is
halved
like
a
tomato,
its juice
runs
through the streets.
In December,
unabated,
the tomato
invades
the kitchen,
it enters at lunchtime,
takes
its ease
on countertops,
among glasses,
butter dishes,
blue saltcellars.
It sheds
its own light,
benign majesty.
Unfortunately, we must
murder it:
the knife
sinks
into living flesh,
red
viscera
a cool
sun,
profound,
inexhaustible,
populates the salads
of Chile,
happily, it is wed
to the clear onion,
and to celebrate the union
we

pour
oil,
essential
child of the olive,
onto its halved hemi-
spheres,
pepper
adds
its fragrance,
salt, its magnetism;
it is the wedding
of the day,
parsley
hoists
its flag,
potatoes
bubble vigorously,
the aroma
of the roast
knocks
at the door,
it's time!
come on!
and, on
the table, at the mid-
point
of summer,
the tomato,
star of earth, recurrent
and fertile
star,
displays
its convolutions,
its canals,
its remarkable ampli-
tude
and abundance,
no pit,
no husk,
no leaves or thorns,
the tomato offers
its gift
of fiery color
and cool completeness.

The Street filled with tomatoes,
midday, summer, light is halved like a tomato,
its juice runs through the streets
In December unabated the tomato invades the kitchen,
it enters at lunchtime, takes its ease on countertops,
among glasses, butter dishes, blue saltcellars.
It sheds its own light benign *Majesty*
Unfortunately, we **MUST MURDER** it:
the **Knife** sinks into *living* flesh,
red viscera
a cool sun
profound,
inexhaustible,
populates the salads of Chile,
happily, it is wed to the clear onion,
and to ~~CELEBRATE~~ the union we pour oil
essential child of the olive,
onto its halved hemispheres,
pepper adds its fragrance,
salt, its magnetism;
it is the wedding of the day,
parsley hoists its flag,
potatoes bubble *vigorously*
the aroma of the roast knocks at the door,
it's time!
come on!
and, on the table,
at the midpoint of summer,
the *Tomato*,
star of earth,
recurrent and fertile star,
displays its convolutions, its canals,
its remarkable Amplitude and abundance,
no pit,
no husk,
no leaves or thorns,
the *Tomato* offers its gift
of *Fiery* color
and cool completeness.

The eight chosen poems and the students who wrote them:

"The Bean Eaters" written by Owendolyn Brooks and designed by Sarah Lunde

"Appetite" written by Maxine Kamin and designed by Melissa Nowak

"Ode to Tomatoes" written by Pablo Neruda and designed by Sara Pokorny

"Eating Together" written by Li Young Lee and designed by Leah Bayer

"Venison" written by Karen Chase and designed by Anika MacDonald

"The Great Blue Bowe" written by Sandy Lindow and designed by Chris Mattox

"The Great Blue Bowe" written by Sandy Lindow and designed by Kristen Zache

"This is Just to Say" written by William Carlos Williams and designed by Al Schwarz

Blu-ray: now we're stuck with you

Brian Muller
Staff Writer

On Feb. 19, 2008, the high definition format war finally came to a close. Toshiba, the main producers of HD-DVD players, announced that they are discontinuing production and ceasing shipments to retailers by March.

For those who haven't heard, recent years have seen two separate disc formats competing: Blu-ray and HD-DVD. At first, the war was fairly close between both formats with multiple movie studios backing each. For video game players, this was a Microsoft versus Sony affair. Microsoft was arguably supporting HD-DVD with their add-on HD-DVD player, while Sony was all for Blu-ray, including a Blu-ray player in

every Playstation 3 since its initial release. Additionally, Sony's Playstation 3 video games are on a standard Blu-ray disc, which has more space than regular DVDs and HD-DVDs. Another interesting tidbit is that the Playstation 3 is one of the cheapest Blu-ray players available, effectively using the Blu-ray player as a selling factor.

All of this may have held little relevance to the average consumer. Without a high definition television, a high definition player isn't useful. It's also easy to see that the DVD is still the largest format available, and high definition hasn't completely entered everyone's household. It may be true that high definition, or in the current case Blu-ray, will soon take over the DVD in the same way DVD took over the VHS, but this event is still a few years away.



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3 1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$480	\$160	\$565	\$188	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D

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3 1	2215 1/2 5th Street	\$545	\$182	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3 1	119 West Main Street #3	\$550	\$183	\$700	\$233	Nice apt, good sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
3 1	220 12th Avenue West	\$550	\$183	\$750	\$250	Large duplex, W/D, excellent location, off-street parking	D
3 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H
3 1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$695	\$232	n/a	n/a	Nice, 2-story apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
3 1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$850	\$283	n/a	n/a	Nice rooms & closets, utilities included, laundry in building	A
4 1	915 Main Street	\$600	\$150	\$800	\$200	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
4 1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	\$820	\$205	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
4 1	921 Main Street #1	\$740	\$185	\$910	\$228	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
4 1	1216 6th Street	\$820	\$205	\$1,000	\$250	Good sized rooms, front porch, parking, across from campus	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #4	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4 2	1319 8th Street	\$825	\$206	\$1,025	\$256	Nice, good sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4 1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice sized rooms, washer/dryer	H
4 2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,195	\$299	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D
4 1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$800	\$200	\$1,025	\$256	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
5 1.5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, lots of parking	H
5 2	2006 5th Street #A	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	Nice, large house, good sized rooms, W/D off-street parking	3
5 2	1708 6th Street #A	\$1,325	\$265	\$1,525	\$305	Fabulous apartment, W/D, big rooms, parking, has everything!	D
6 2	1603 7th Street	\$1,000	\$167	n/a	n/a	Great house, gas fireplace, washer/dryer, corner lot	H
7 2	1321 2nd Street West	\$1,050	\$150	1,310	\$187	Large house, washer/dryer, parking, 1 block from campus	H

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Chief copy editor

Julie Watts (pictured right) is an assistant professor at the prestigious University of Wisconsin-Stout. She has been teaching here for four years. This is her first real professor's job. Before it, she had been working on her doctorate in Rhetoric and Professional Communication and received it in 2003.

Her life has been changing quite a bit lately. In June 2006 she married Fred Watts and changed her name from Zeleznik. Some people found this unfortunate because they found "Zeleznik" easier to remember, as it is much more unique. She likes Watts better though because it's easier for people to spell. In July 2007 she had a baby whom she named Emily Jane. This meant she had the fall semester off for maternity leave. When asked why she didn't simply leave the baby home alone, as her students certainly needed her more than her baby, she said, "Yeah, she's so smart, she can take care of herself." Unfortunately for her students though, she decided to take the time off.

She likes teaching a variety of students. When asked if she hates freshmen, she said, "No, I really like the balance of having freshmen who are at a certain point in their

Professor or new mommy gangster?

academic careers. They're just fresh into college and that's fun for me to teach that group. But it's also a really nice balance to have upper-level students...who are more focused. They have more of an idea of what they want to do and they kind of know how to be students."

In her free time she likes to grade homework, babysit her baby, babysit her students, and read blogs. She doesn't write any blogs though. "I write for a living, so to blog and have that be fun time, spare time, it doesn't feel right." Therefore, her blogging hobby takes place only in her head. "In my mind I create these blogs that would be cool," she says.

On the subject of fantasies, her dream car would be, "I can't think of it." She said, "It's a little car." She can't remember what her dream car is, or any of her dream cars are, so she said her current car, a new Honda Civic, is close enough. "I can't remember the names of dream cars." She got the Honda Civic so she could "surround the baby with air bags." So far, she hasn't crashed it to make use of this selling point.

Watts likes Menomonie, Wis. because it is close to places like the Twin Cities and her family in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

She has a summer house in the U.P. as well as a camp owned by her family. She wanted to work at UW-Stout because there's a Technical Communication program and she "wanted to teach in the program and I wanted to teach at a university that would encourage me to develop ways to integrate technology into my teaching."

She has never been arrested, but got a parking ticket for not displaying her parking tag, so she is at least partially gangster. She knows a \$13 million Powerball winner. She was an honor student in high school and just barely in college. "I've been an average student, really; enough to get by and to get what I want to have happen."

She likes being a professor as a profession.

"I think probably being a professor as a profession where you can do it very well as an older person. As a younger person, I really think it's something you can keep on doing if you want." As to if she plans on retiring she said, "Yes, as soon as I possibly can."



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Ruckus Weekly Top Ten

Hooray! Students are actually using this nifty little program that the university worked so hard to give us in order to combat illegal mp3 pirating.

It's time to see what UW-Stout students are listening to. Here are the top ten most-downloaded songs from Ruckus for the past week.

1. "Love Song" - Sara Bareilles
2. "Low" - Flo Rida feat. T-Pain
3. "Apologize" - Timbaland
4. "Bubbly" - Colbie Caillat
5. "Kiss Kiss" - Chris Brown
6. "With You" - Chris Brown
7. "Stronger" - Kanye West
8. "Sweetest Girl" - Wyclef Jean
9. "The Way I Are" - Timbaland
10. "Good Life" - Kanye West

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Tasting the World

Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

Americans are known for their voracious appetites. It seems that anything fried, grilled or on a stick is fair game to be considered haute cuisine. With such a craving for food, it's good that we live in a country full of it. There is no limit to what is available and no culture that isn't represented, so much so, that even many "American" foods aren't really American at all. Hot dogs and hamburgers? Thank Germany for those.

Sandwiches have a long history that essentially began in England. Even barbecue didn't start here; it was a product of southern countries, like in the Caribbean, that eventually moved northward. Even popular drinks have origins elsewhere.

According to About.com, Jagermeister came from Germany, and beer, which is typically attributed to the Germans, actually originated in the times of ancient Egyptians and the Chinese.

The fact is, the culture we submerge ourselves in is really a product of countless other cultures coming together. With that in mind, it's important that time is taken to really appreciate the diversity of other cultures and their cuisine. While doing so, an open mind and adventurous spirit are key to truly appreciating all another culture has to offer.

Adopting this appreciation can be as exciting as travelling to a new country or as simple as taking a weekend to explore specialty grocery stores in search of ingredients to prepare new dishes. While foreign ingredients may sound intimidating, the truth is they're just simply different than what one may be used to.

If all else fails and you're really stumped on a certain recipe, find someone in the area who can help you out. With a little determination and intrigue, exploring the food of another country is merely a recipe away.

Potato Latkes (Potato Pancakes)

You will need:
A knife
A cutting board
A cheese grater
A large bowl
A colander

1 lb potatoes
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1 large egg, lightly beaten
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 to 3/4 cup olive oil
1) Preheat oven to 250 degrees F

Chicken Enchiladas

You will need:
A baking dish
A spoon
A knife
A cutting board

Ingredients:
Recipe Courtesy of Cathy Lowe (Food Network)
1 cup shredded cooked chicken
Salt
Pepper
1 jar salsa
3 corn tortilla

2 cups Monterey Jack Cheese, grated
1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
1 tomato chopped
Sour cream
1) Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2) Season chicken with salt and pepper. Set aside.
3) Pour salsa in bottom of baking dish and spread around.
4) Fill 3 tortillas with cheese, beans, tomato and chicken. Roll up.
5) Place in baking dish and top with more salsa and more cheese.
6) Bake for 30 minutes or until bubbly. Serve with sour cream.

Potato Latkes (Potato Pancakes)

A towel
A 12-inch skillet
A spoon
A paper towel
A cooling rack
A shallow baking pan

Ingredients:
1 lb potatoes

2) Peel potatoes and coarsely grate by hand, transferring to a large bowl of cold water as grated. Soak potatoes 1 to 2 minutes after last batch is added to water, then drain well in a colander.
3) Spread grated potatoes and onion on a kitchen towel and roll up jelly-roll style. Twist towel tightly to wring out as much liquid as possible. Transfer potato mixture to a bowl and stir in egg and salt.
4) Heat 1/4 cup oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over moderately-high heat until hot.
5) Working in batches of 4 latkes, spoon 2 tablespoons potato mixture per latke into skillet, spreading into 3-inch rounds with a fork.
6) Reduce heat to moderate and cook until undersides are browned, about 5 minutes.

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Long live the king of football | Favre retires after 17 years

by Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

"He played quarterback like a linebacker," former NFL player and head coach Mike Ditka summed it up in one bold statement.

The long illustrious career of future hall of fame quarterback Brett Favre has come to a conclusion as he decided to hang up his cleats after 17 storied years on the job.

His style of play was unorthodox and his charm unflappable; these attributes helped fuel him and those around him to be the best they could possibly be.

While his career was filled with accomplishments, awards and division titles, it wasn't without controversy. He battled his way through substance abuse in the mid-'90s, played perhaps the best game of his life only a day after his father's passing against Oakland and played through his wife Deanna's bout with breast cancer.

He set numerous records, including most passing touchdowns in a career, most career passing yards, most wins by a quarterback and perhaps the most amazing record in all of sports: 253 consecutive starts by a quarterback. Not only is that a record

for quarterbacks, it is a record for all players. Enduring constant violence and abuse during 17 seasons as an NFL quarterback is a remarkable feat.

This is probably what merited Ditka's comment about the linebacking style of play that Favre was famous for. Anytime you tuned into a Packers game you were treated to the adlibbing style of play that Brett made seem so easy, scrambling around in the backfield away

from ensuing defenders only to laser the perfect pass into the endzone. His unflappable style of play was even better in the cold, as his record of 36-9 in weather below 32 degrees was just another sign of his greatness.

Not only was Brett Favre a great quarterback, he was a great football player. He came out of the University of Southern Mississippi as a senior and was drafted by the Atlanta Falcons in round 2 with the 33rd overall pick. In his first season he played sparingly, and surprisingly enough, his first NFL completion was to himself off a deflected pass.

After that lone season in Atlanta he was traded to Green Bay for a first round pick and the rest is history. While being described as child-like isn't something you'd want to be la-

beled as if you are a professional athlete, Favre brought a child-like presence to the game that increased the play of those around him. Running toward the end zone with both fingers pointing high in the sky after launching a touchdown pass is just one of the unforgettable images that will remain in our minds.

He was a three-time MVP of the NFL and the all-time MVP of the state of Wisconsin. Never has a player been so beloved by his fan base, as numerous students around this Stout campus showed their support for number 4 by wearing his jersey as they heard the sad news.

Whether or not you are a Packers fan, this man deserves the utmost respect for what

he has accomplished. He never let his ego get in the way of the common goal of playing to win the game.

While he can look back at his career at all the records, awards and accomplishments, the one thing he can be most proud of is his iron-man reputation and the integrity that he brought to the grid iron every Sunday or Monday he came to play.

While this is the last of Brett we will see on the football field, I am confident in saying that if he wants, he could become the next governor of the state of Wisconsin given how much he means to its citizens. His place in football and Wisconsin lore will never be replaced.

"I know I can still play, but it's like I told my wife, I'm just tired mentally. I'm just tired."
-Brett Favre

A strong finish to a seasons end

by Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

While the majority of the Blue Devil's basketball season was rather disappointing, the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's team was able to finish off the season with a few wins, which allowed them to slip into the WIAC tournament.

In a season which featured a large makeover from the year before, the team struggled to get together but was still able to pull off several conference wins to go along with the aforementioned tourney berth.

The addition of Miles Webb was effective as he was able to lead the conference in scoring the majority of the season; currently he is tied with University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's Dan Beyer at 19 points a game. In the first game of the tournament the Blue Devils were eliminated by the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater to end their season. Here is a recap of the last three games for the 2007-08 Blue Devils.

UW-Stout vs. UW-River Falls (W 75-62): As the Blue Devils traveled to University of Wisconsin-River Falls to take on the Falcons, a win was in the players' minds; a victory would help their slim chances of making the WIAC tournament.

Considering the fact that the only conference wins for UW-Stout had come against one team (UW-Superior) things weren't looking too bright, especially at halftime when the Blue Devils went into the locker room facing yet another deficit. As the Blue Devils emerged from the locker room they were determined not to let this deficit halt their progress.

Once they tied up the game with five minutes played in the second half they went on an absolutely deadly shooting streak as they hit five straight triples. This run was able to help UW-Stout build a 15 point lead with a minute and a half left to ice the win. Rising star Eric Hostetter had his first

double-double with 19 points and 11 boards while Jerrel Enerson-Matthews (E-Matt) tacked on an additional 19.

UW-Stout vs. UW-Eau Claire (W 78-65): Looking to play the role of spoiler, UW-Stout did just that as they ruined Senior Night at Zorn Arena for the numerous seniors on the Blugold basketball team. Not only did they spoil the night, but the victory also allowed them to sneak into the WIAC tournament, something that seemed all but impossible in the middle of the season during the midst of their 12 game losing skid.

A determined Blue Devil team launched out of the gates and never trailed the entire game as they dominated all facets of the game. In the final regular season game for senior Miles Webb, he was able to add to his conference leading total with 28 points. Contributing with strong games once again were Hostetter with 20 points and E-Matt with 18. The next game to play was Round 1 of the WIAC tournament in which they faced off against conference leading UW-Whitewater.

UW-Stout vs. UW-Whitewater (L 67-78): The bigger, more powerful Warhawks of UW-Whitewater were able to dominate the paint and sent the Blue Devils packing after only one post-season game. The key to the game was UW-Whitewater's 18 offensive rebounds that led to second-chance points all throughout the game. This limited UW-Stout in defensive rebounding which made it difficult for them to score a basket.

While the first 10 minutes seemed to be pretty balanced, a late first half run by the Warhawks was what they needed to keep the game out of reach. Miles Webb did his normal thing by leading the way in scoring with 24 points, finishing off his one year career 7th on the scoring list. Blossoming guard Eric Hostetter, who in the past nine games has started six and scored double figures in seven, scored 13 points. With the loss, the Blue Devils record for 2007-08 was 7-19 overall and 4-13 in the conference.



Pam Sellberg

Pam Sellberg is a junior from Brooklyn Park, Minn. She has selected manufacturing engineering as her major. In her spare time Sellberg enjoys playing volleyball, basketball, rollerblading, beading and being with her friends and

family. In high school she was an all-conference pole vaulter, and a team captain. In 2007 Sellberg took first place in the pole vault at the Blue Devil open with a height of 10 feet 7 1/2 inches.

On Feb. 23, 2008, Sellberg set a new school record in the pole vault with a vault of 11 feet 10 1/2 inches, breaking Chelsea Becker's mark off 11 feet 7 inches set in 2005. Sellberg also reached an NCAA Division III provisional qualifying mark at the Pointer Invite for her outstanding vault.



Women end season in WIAC semi-finals



Contributed photo by Layne Pitt

UW-Stout's senior Lindsey Geissler drives to the hoop with intentions to score against UW-La Crosse.

by Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's basketball team ended its season on Feb. 28 with a loss in the semi-finals of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Con-

ference tournament to the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire.

The Blugolds were the number one seed in the tournament while the Blue Devils held the fourth seed. Midway through the first half UW-Eau Claire had a 12-23 UW-lead. UW-Stout pulled within four points after going on a 9-2 run when sophomore Megan Maslowski hit a three-point shot and sophomore Julia Hirssig added in six points. When the buzzer rang for halftime the Blugolds were up 29-48. Throughout the second half the Blugolds held the reins, gaining as much as a 31 point lead late in the game.

The leading scorer from the Blue Devils was Hirssig with 20 points, 15 coming in the first half. Junior Dani Boese added in eight points and Maslowski finished with seven. The Blue Devils shot 34.8 percent from the floor and went 2-17 from three-point range; UW-Stout out rebounded UW-Eau Claire 37-33.

In the first round of the WIAC tournament the Blue Devils saw the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse Eagles. UW-Stout was able to pull off an overtime victory winning 65-63 with a half of a second on the clock in overtime play. Senior Lindsey Geissler executed the perfect pass to an airborne junior Charlee Edwards who made an ally-ooop bank shot as the buzzer sounded.

Early in the game UW-Stout jumped out to a 9-0 lead with four Blue Devils scoring

points. UW-La Crosse answered back to tie up the game at 11 a piece. The Eagles fought hard to extend a lead to five but as the buzzer sounded for halftime UW-Stout was allowing only a two point lead with the score at 20-22.

In the second half, Hirssig put up her first six points of the game to help put the Blue Devils up by seven. With just over five minutes remaining in regulation play the Eagles took the lead. Hirssig was fouled and put to the line with eight seconds remaining; UW-La Crosse was up by one. Hirssig tied the game with the first shot but missed the second. Geissler took a charge on the Eagles possession but missed the buzzer shot which sent the game into overtime.

After Hirssig fouled with a minute and a half remaining in overtime UW-La Crosse was at the line, making both free throws. These shots tied the game at 63. UW-Stout called a timeout after gaining possession with 15 seconds left in overtime play. This timeout set up the buzzer-beating shot with a half second left in play to win the game. Hirssig ended the night with 20 points, and 17 rebounds. Edwards added in 17 points and six rebounds.

UW-Stout ended its regular season with a loss to the Blugolds, 74-77. The Blue Devils were down by as much as eight points in the second half. UW-Stout was held off, allowing UW-Eau Claire to win. This loss allowed the Blugolds to sweep the Blue Devils

and UW-Eau Claire was able to win a share of the conference title.

Hirssig had a double-double with 18 points and ten rebounds. Geissler added in 11 points and eight assists.

When the University of Wisconsin- River Falls came to the Johnson Fieldhouse on Feb. 28, the Blue Devils blew out the Falcons 53-82. With a one-point lead with eight minutes left in the first half, UW-Stout went on a 13-2 run. During that run, Edwards made five points, giving UW-Stout a 12-point lead. When the buzzer sounded signaling halftime UW-Stout's lead was down to 11.

The Blue Devils started the second half white hot. They went on a 16-4 run where Hirssig added two baskets as well as Geissler. In that same run, senior Joanna Bird had two three-point shots. In the next nine minutes UW-Stout increased their 23 point lead to 33 points.

Every UW-Stout player saw playing time, and all but one added in points. Hirssig had nine rebounds and scored 18 points. This game came after Hirssig was announced as the WIAC player of the week for the second time this season, coming less than a month after her first recognition.

The Blue Devils ended their season in fourth place in WIAC with a 10-6 conference record and a 17-10 record overall. The team will be losing three seniors to graduation this year, Bird, Geissler and Mary Schaefer.

Men's hockey advances to NCHA championship

by Michael Broetzmann
Staff Writer

After two long weeks in the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs and the chase for the Peter's Cup, only two teams still remain standing, the University of Wisconsin-Stout and St. Norbert's, who will face off this Saturday, March 8 in the NCHA Championship. Not only will they be fighting for the playoff championships, but also a shot at the Division III national championship.

UW-Stout has had no walk in the park to get where they are at now. Two weeks ago they faced off against the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in a mini-series at home. UW-Stevens Point was a hot team coming into the playoffs, but the Blue Devils were able to put them on ice and sweep them in the series with two wins on Friday Feb. 22 and Saturday Feb. 23 with scores of 8-4 and 7-1 respectively.

Impressive play was put up by the senior goalkeeper Mike Stone, who came into the first game during the second period and shut out the Pointers for the remainder of the game, and only allowed one goal to slip in during the second game. Stone was well rewarded for his

good play, as he was honored with the NCHA player of the week title for the first round of the playoffs.

Last week, UW-Stout let the game come down to the wire as they took the ice against a very energetic and motivated the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire team. The Blugolds came into the game coming off a win against a tough University of Wisconsin-Superior team.

This marked the first time the Blugolds advanced past the first round of the playoffs in school history. UW-Stout was the first to lead the scoring charge in the game, when early in the second period Nick Klaren scored a goal off assists from Joel Gaulrapp and Jack Wogelmuth.

The Blugolds responded promptly with two goals. Everyone in the crowd became nervous as UW-Stout let the game come down to the wire until late in third when Paul Henderson put one in the net to tie the score at two. The regulation ended and the teams went into sudden death overtime.

The fans could feel the energy in the air during overtime as both teams were fighting to continue their season. Finally, the battle was brought to an end when Scott Motz scored a goal 15 minutes into the overtime, which led to an explosion from the crowd.

The win marked the first time in UW-Stout's history in which they would advance to the NCHA championship game.

With that said, UW-Stout will travel to play a tough St. Norbert's team this weekend. St. Norbert's has been a solid team through the season and playoffs. The team waltzed through the first round of the playoffs with two wins again Lake Forest College.

In the semi-finals game they managed to pull out a close victory against St. Scholastica in a 1-0. St. Norbert's is now undefeated in their last 25 games since going 21-0-4 since a loss on Nov. 4th. St. Norbert's will have Kyle Jones in the net, who is the NCHA player of the year, and who just recently set the Division III college hockey record for shutouts in a season with eight and the record for career shut-outs at 23.

There is no question in the statement that its "do or die" for the UW-Stout team this weekend. A victory would give them an automatic bid in the Division III National Championship Tournament, where-as a loss will end UW-Stout's season. The last two matches between the teams resulted in a loss on the road with a score of 7-1 and most recent a tie at home 3-3.

Last Year, St. Norbert's was the team to end UW-Stout's season as they defeated



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UW-Stout freshmen Danny Ryan Jr. and David Larson anticipate collecting a nearby puck.

them in the semi-finals round of the playoff's in a 4-1 loss. We will see if history will repeat itself; for all of us hockey fans, we will sure hope that will not be the case. The puck will drop at 7:05 p.m., at the Cornerstone Community Center, located in Ashwaubenon, WI.

Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Women's Basketball

Record: 17-11

The UW-Stout women's basketball team beat UW-La Crosse in the WIAC Quarterfinals on Tuesday Feb. 26, winning 65-63. However, the Blue Devils were eliminated from the playoffs two days later when they played against UW-Eau Claire in the WIAC Semi-Finals. The game quickly got out of hand and UW-Stout finished the game with a mere 61 points, to UW-Eau Claire's 86.

Next Game: Season has concluded.



Blue Devil Softball

Record: 5-1

The UW-Stout women's softball team has begun its season with a bang, sweeping its last two opponents. UW-Stout's Chelsey Nelson hit a groundout in the top of the eight, which ended up bringing in the game-winning run against Augsburg College on March 4. The Blue Devils now travel to Rosemount, Minn. to play Carleton College Friday, March 7.

Next game: (Away) against Carleton College in Rosemount, Minn. on Friday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m.



Men's Basketball

Record: 8-19

The UW-Stout men's basketball team ended its regular season very strong with three wins in their last four games. On Monday Feb. 25, the Blue Devils played against UW-Whitewater in the WIAC Quarterfinals. Unfortunately, UW-Stout couldn't battle back after UW-Whitewater gained an early lead. The Blue Devils lost the game 67-78, and were eliminated from the playoffs.

Next game: Season has concluded.



Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 18-8-3

Even though UW-Stout's men's hockey team ended its regular season in a slump, it managed to put up some big wins in the playoffs. The Blue Devils' first playoff win came against UW-Stevens Point, where they won 8-4. They then beat UW-Eau Claire in the NCHA Semi-Finals, winning 3-2 in overtime. The number three ranked UW-Stout now takes on the number one ranked St. Norbert's in the NCHA Championship game this Saturday, March 8.

Next game: (Away) NCHA Championship against St. Norbert in Green Bay, Wis. on Saturday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

Blue Devils men's hockey team is to play in NCHA Championship game | Women's basketball team eliminated in WIAC Semi-Finals | Men's basketball team eliminated in WIAC quarterfinals

Gymnasts finish 3rd at Hamline Invite

by Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout finished third of four at the Hamline Invitational on Feb. 24 in Minnesota.

At the Hamline Invitational, sophomore Megan Hargens had two top three finishes for the Blue Devils. Hargens placed second on the uneven bars with a 9.275 and third in the all-around with a 36.275. Senior Ashley Timm placed third on the vault with a 9.40.

Other top finishers for the Blue Devils were Timm placing sixth in the uneven bars with an 8.75, freshman Naomi DeLara who finished sixth on the balance beam with a 9.05 and Hargens placed ninth with an 8.90.

Timm and Hargens tied for seventh on the floor exercise with an 8.95. Finishing with a 35.80 gave Timm a fifth place finish in the all-around.

This invite gave Hargens the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference gymnast of the week honors. She swept all five of the individual events at the Gustavus Adolphus duel meet.

UW-Stout won the duel against Gustavus Adolphus 175.875-169.975 on Feb. 22. Hargens won all five events. In the vault she finished with a 9.425, on the uneven bars she had a 9.025, on beam she had an 8.95, on floor exercise she had a 9.55 and in the all-around she finished with a 36.950. DeLara had two second-place finishes behind Hargens. She finished with a 9.40 on the vault and on the floor exercise she finished with a 9.55.

DeLara also finished third on the beam with an 8.75. Timm, in her final home performance, finished second in the all-around with a 35.55 and on the balance beam with an 8.825.

She placed third on the uneven bars with an 8.35. Timm also placed fourth on the vault with a 9.30 and on the floor exercise with a 9.075. Sophomore Angela Blankenship finished fourth on the beam with an 8.575. The Blue Devils took the top four places on the balance beam.

The team will have a week of rest before traveling back to St. Paul, Minn. for the WIAC/ National Collegiate Gymnastic Association West Regional. Top finishers from the regional will travel to Cortland, N.Y. for the championships on March 27-28.

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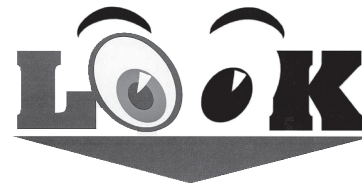
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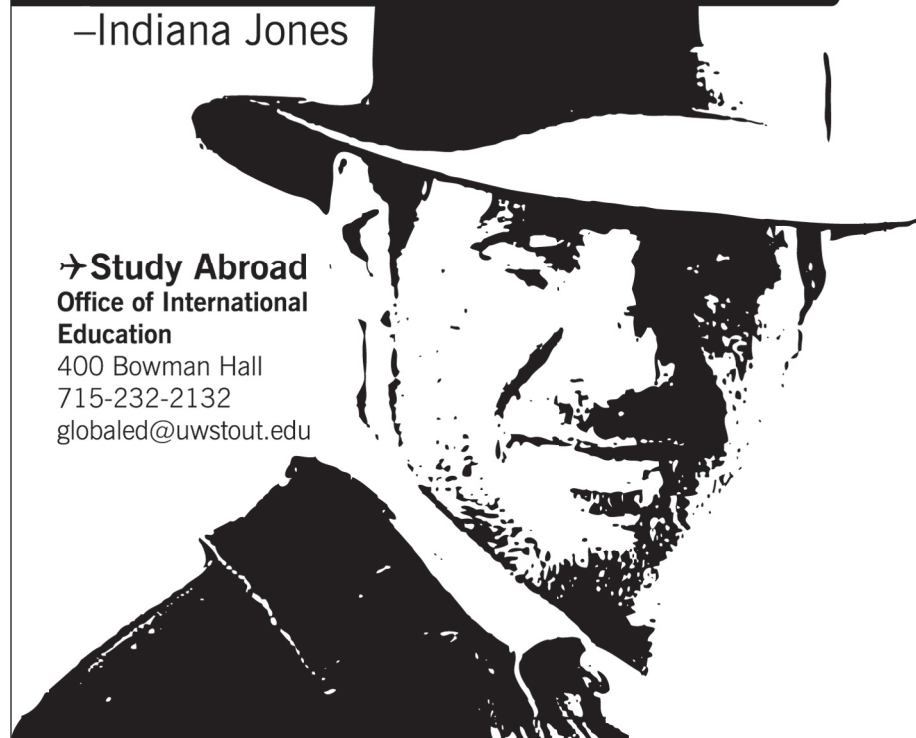
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- Disney College Program Presentation. 5 p.m. Prairie/ Pioneer Room, MSC

- Issues of Humanity: Survival: Concern for Family and Friends Panel Presentation "Power and Control: the use of cutting, substance abuse, and other self-abuse concerns." 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ally Center, MSC

Friday, March 7

- Relay For Life. 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Indoor Track, Johnson Fieldhouse

- Hand Drumming Workshop. 10 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Glass Lounge, Merle Price Commons

Saturday, March 8

- Rockfest! Climbing Competition: 2008. Cost: \$20 students, \$25 non-students.

- Survival of Hunger and Homelessness: "Empty Bowls" benefit for the Hungry and Homeless. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Menomonie Middle School

- Hand Drumming Workshop. 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Glass Lounge, Merle Price Commons

Sunday, March 9

- Daylight Savings Time

- Hiroshima – Nagasaki, Atomic Bomb Exhibition through March 14. MSC

Monday, March 10

- School Counseling Organization Bake Sale. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lower Level, MSC

- Hiroshima – Nagasaki, Atomic Bomb Exhibition, The Inside Story: survivor and witness accounts followed by discussion. 6 p.m. MSC

Tuesday, March 11

- Resume Writing Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

- Phi Theta Chi Pancake Dinner. Cost: \$5. 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Senior Center, Menomonie

- Easter Program by Campus Crusade for Christ. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

- Kayak Deep Water Safety. Cost: \$20 student, \$35 community. 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Stout Adventures, Johnson Fieldhouse

Wednesday, March 12

- Interviewing Workshop. 2:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

- Women's History Month Event Presentation: "Beauty and the Beach." 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Room 208, Home Economics Building

- Women's History Month Event – Exhibit: "Stepping Out: 100 Years of Women's Fashion." 3 p.m. Room 208, Home Economics Building

- Women's History Month Event Reception. 4 p.m. Room 208, Home Economics Building

- Thai Dance Lessons. 6 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

- Author John Coy Visit. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Room 206, University Library.

- Women's Climbing Night. Cost: free to members, \$5 non-members. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Stout Adventures, Johnson Fieldhouse

Thursday, March 13

- Portfolio Information Workshop. 1:30 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

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-SPRING BREAK

Monday, March 17

- St. Patrick's Day*

Entertainment

Thursday, March 6

- Hillary The Movie – movie. 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ballroom C, MSC

- Kid Dakota with Captain Yonder – music. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Friday, March 7

- Into the Wild – movie. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

- Menomonie Theater Guild "Little Shop of Horrors." Cost: \$15 adults, \$14 students/ seniors. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Saturday, March 8

- Stoplight Dance. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ballrooms, MSC

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Tuesday, March 11

- Rob Paravonian – comedian. 8 p.m. The Terrace, MSC

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- Open Mic Night. 8 p.m. The Underground,

Athletics

Thursday, March 6

- Baseball vs. UM-Crookston, Minneapolis, MN. 9 a.m.

Friday, March 7

- Men's and Women's Track @ Karl Schlender Last Chance, Whitewater, WI.

- Softball vs. Carleton College at Rosemount, MN. 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 8

- Men's and Women's Track @ Pointer Qualifier, Stevens Point, WI. 10:30 a.m.

- Gymnastics WIAC/West Regional @ Hamline University. 2 p.m.

- Hockey @ NCHA Championship vs. St. Norbert, Green Bay, WI. 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 9

- Baseball vs. Gustavus Adolphus, Minneapolis, MN. 11:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12

- Hockey NCAA Quarterfinals

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- Softball @ Hawaii Pacific University, Kapolei, HI. noon

- Baseball vs. Macalester College, Phoenix, AZ. 2 p.m.

Monday, March 17

- Baseball vs Augsburg College, Phoenix, AZ. noon

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Tuesday, March 18

- Baseball vs. St. John's, Phoenix, AZ. 3 p.m.

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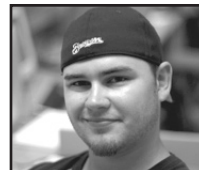
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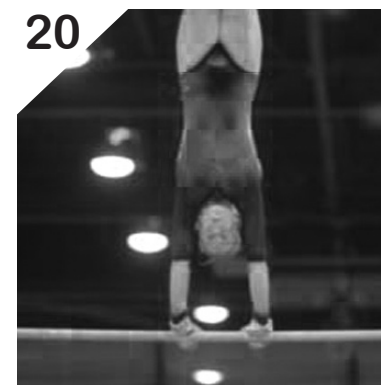
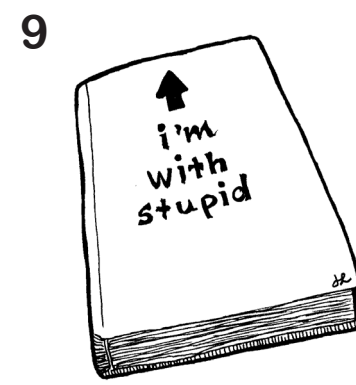
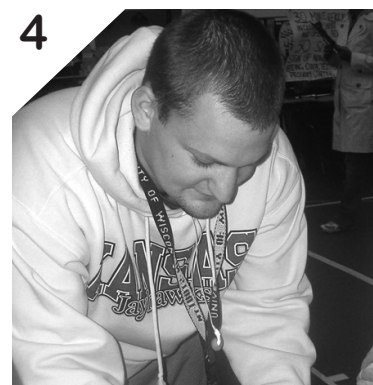
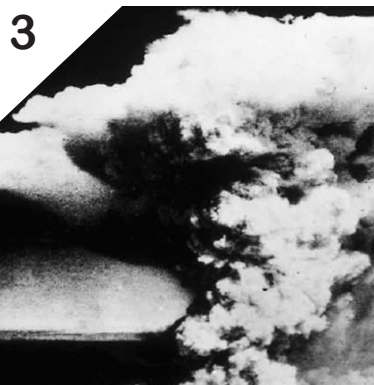
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Hiroshima Peace Culture Coalition



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The mushroom cloud about one hour after detonation (Hiroshima). Taken from a U.S. bomber that took part in the A-bomb mission.

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

"History is frequently told from one voice; this experience allows us to see multiple perspectives," said Mary McManus, the Assistant Director of the Memorial Student Center.

The Hiroshima Peace Culture Coalition contacted the University of Wisconsin-Stout to promote their poster display. The Hiroshima Peace Culture Coalition sent the posters to 100 locations in the United States, picking two per state. The other display is at the capital in Madison, Wis. They are from two museums in Japan, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum.

John Williams, from the human development and family studies department, gave a presentation, "Were these bombings necessary?" on Monday, March 10.

"When I received a letter from the Hiroshima Peace Culture Coalition, the first per-

son I thought of was Mary McManus at the Ally Center and UW-Stout. It was included in the program of Human Survival, already planned for the first two weeks of March," said Williams.

"The posters were sent in CD form, so the students in the GCM program printed all the posters," commented McManus.

"This exhibit deserves to be seen by every student. The younger the student, the more important the message is. Currently, there are over 30,000 nuclear warheads located in eight different countries across the northern hemisphere of the globe. At any moment, half of these warheads are ready to launch for use. Talk about terrorism: any nation possessing these weapons constitutes a threat to world peace," warned Williams.

"The posters will stay around UW-Stout, and I encourage people to go see them because they show the nature of war, and the nature of what our troops sometimes have to go through still today," added McManus.



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Suddenly, about two weeks after the bombing, large numbers of survivors began losing their hair. This symptom was prevalent for the following 1 to 2 weeks.

Stout professor receives second prestigious award



Submitted photo
Molly Welch-Deal is recognized for a leadership award for the second year in a row.

Amanda Katz
Staff Writer

Molly Welch-Deal, an associate lecturer in the psychology department at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, has received her second major award in less than two short years.

The Mary Gehrke-Mcalister leadership award was presented to Welch-Deal on Feb. 21, 2008. The award exclusively recognizes a selection of people who possess and execute strong leadership skills in the profession of school counseling. The award is only presented to one individual each year at the Wisconsin School Counselors Association conference.

Welch-Deal was nominated by a group of grad students for the award. She was also supported through a letter of recommendation written by Josh Robinson, vice principal of Osceola High School where Welch-Deal was employed before moving to UW-Stout.

The grad students are highly supportive of Welch-Deal and her efforts in teaching counseling. "She motivates students by

getting them excited for their profession. I would like to someday make the kind of impact she has and is continuing to have on others," says grad student and nominator Daren Patterson.

Welch-Deal will soon be moving into her fourth year teaching at UW-Stout this summer; not only is she a professor, but she is also a UW-Stout alumnus. She earned a Master of Science in K-12 school counseling and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology with a minor in sociology.

She began her career as a guidance counselor at Osceola High School. When the opportunity arose to return to UW-Stout and teach, Welch-Deal immediately took the offer. Since then, she has made a positive impact on hundreds of students in the school counseling program.

"She has a genuine glow about her and her personality is one that she honestly cares about the well-being of others. She is not so much a professor but a servant. She serves to each student's needs," says Patterson.

Not only does Welch-Deal teach graduate and undergraduate courses at UW-Stout, she additionally works as a mental health consultant for Head Start through CESA 11.

Last year, Welch-Deal was awarded the title of the UW-Stout Outstanding Educator, yet another prestigious award granted to demonstrate her achieved status around campus. Her impact on students shines through her nomination for The Mary Gehrke-Mcalister Leadership Award.

"My opinion is that we need more Molly Welch-Deals around, for she has that unique ability to help individuals get on the right path. She is much like a quote I know, 'Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever.' She is a star that shines brightly for all to see," says Patterson.

For more information, contact Molly Welch-Deal at welchdealm@uwstout.edu (715) 232-5224; or Daren Patterson at pattersond@uwstout.edu (608) 358-3152

Stout students help to save lives!

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

"Jim Forster woke up one morning last November to go hunting with his son. Instead of grabbing his gun, he passed out and woke up in the Red Cedar Medical Center emergency room," said John Cole.

Forster has two children and resides in Menomonie with his wife, Jeannie. He was a Dunn County Conservationist for 34 years until he was diagnosed with high grade myelodysplasia. This is a disease that requires a blood stem cell transplant, without which Mayo Clinic doctors be-

lieve his chances of survival are limited to one year.

His family has been tested to donate bone marrow, but there are no perfect matches. There are no perfect matches found in the National Marrow Donor registry. John and Sherry Cole got involved with the National Marrow Donor program several years ago when Katie Iverson, a Menomonie youth, was diagnosed with a similar disease. Unfortunately, no donor was found in time for Katie.

Students, faculty and staff were tested for matching human leukocyte antigens at the University of Wisconsin-Stout on Wednesday, March 26. The tests were simple and non-invasive. These tests usually cost \$52, but all costs "have been generously paid through donations and fundraisers," added Cole.

HLA testing determines whether a donor and patient are a good match. HLA's are found on most cells in the human body. These antigens are what the cheek swabs are tested for, like those taken from the UW-Stout drive.

"Just roll the swab in a circle on the upper and lower insides of your cheek on both sides," instructed Sherry Cole, a volunteer and personal friend of Forster.

"It's really important that we screen as many people as possible. The more samples we collect, the better chance we have of finding a 100 percent match," she added.

To qualify for the screening, you must be between the ages of 18-60, meet the health guidelines and willing to donate if contacted. Participants first fill out a health questionnaire to determine if they are eligible to donate before taking a simple cheek swab.



Danielle Olson/Stoutonia

Jesse Meltz, a senior construction major carefully packages his samples after completing all four cheek swabs. When asked why he chose to participate in the study, he replied, "I donate blood, why wouldn't I do this? They both save a life."

John and Sherry Cole are accepting donations for the National Marrow Donor Program.

To mail a donation:

- Write a check payable to The Marrow Foundation
- Mail the check to:
John Cole
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Menomonie, WI 54751

If you would still like to be considered as a potential donar, you may request a kit be mailed to you. Log on to marrow.org/join and click on "Join now."

For more information, contact Red Cedar Medical Center: (715) 232-7200 or 1 (800) Marrow-2

Facts about Marrow Transplants:

- Marrow transplants save lives for those with leukemia, lymphoma and many other diseases.
- The patients first undergo chemotherapy to destroy the diseased marrow, and then given healthy marrow for a donor.
- The marrow then begins to function and multiply in the patient's bloodstream.
- For the patient's body to accept the marrow, the healthy blood cells need to be as close of a match as possible.

Marrow Donation Process

1. Join the registry
2. If you match a patient, you are contacted for more testing.
3. If you agree to donate, you will be given an exam and learn about the donation process from the doctor.
4. You will either give bone marrow or PBSC.

- Marrow is a surgical procedure, where needles withdraw marrow from your bones. Most donors are back to their normal selves in just a few days, and feel slight soreness in their lower back. The marrow is, however, completely replaced in four to six weeks.
- PBSC donation is taken out of your blood, much like donating plasma. The blood is separated from the blood-forming cells in a machine, and the rest of the blood is returned to the donor. The only side effects to this donation are slight headaches, or bone and muscle aches for just a few days after donation.

Family weekend activities!

Friday

- Blue Devil Productions presents Mentalist Brian Imbus. 8 p.m. -The Terrace in the Memorial Student Center

Saturday

- 4th Annual Blue Devil Run/Walk. For more information, please visit uwstout.edu/univrec.
- Ally Center Open House. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. -Ally Center, MSC
- The Ministry Open House. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.- 108 3rd Avenue West (Big blue house located between Subway and Fleming Hall)
- 32nd Annual Silent Benefit Auction Hosted by: American Hospitality Professionals. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.-Ballroom A, MSC. Live Auction: 12:30-2:30pm, Ballroom A, MSC
- HSSO Egg Roll Sale Sponsored by the Hmong Stout Student Organization. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.-Corner of 3rd and 10th outside of the Pawn
- Study Abroad and Study Away 10. 10:15 a.m. to 11 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. to 12 p.m. -Cedar, Maple, Oakwood Rooms, MSC

- UW-Stout Concert Band and Jazz Band Concert. 11 a.m.-Great Hall, MSC

- Alpha Phi Barbeque. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. -South Lawn, MSC. All proceeds go to the Alpha Phi Foundation which supports women's cardiac care.

- School of Education Information Booth. 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.-Concourse Lounge, MSC

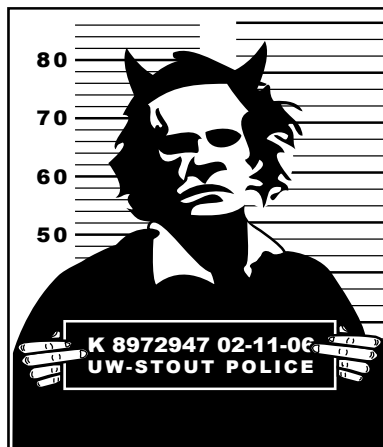
- UW-Stout Choral Family Weekend Concert. 4 p.m.-Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 910 9th Street

- Blue Devil Productions Presents the Free Movie "Maxed Out". 3 p.m.-Room 210 in the Applied Arts Building

Sunday

- 41st Annual Car Show. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.-Dunn County Recreation Park

- Health & Fitness Center/ Stout Adventures/ Intramural Sports/ Swimming Pool. FREE for any of our UW-Stout students' parents/immediate family members as long as they attend with their student and their student presents a current UW-Stout ID. Visit urec.uw-stout.edu/ for more information.



~~Smooth~~ CRIMINALS

Tales of stupidity
from Menomonie

Citations Issued

March 3 through March 30

UAD – 1st offense – 29
UAD – 2nd offense – 2
Possession of Marijuana – 2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 3
Public Urination – 1
Operating While Suspended – 1
Misuse of Parking Services – 1
State D.C. / Resisting an Officer – 1
OWI – 1st offense – 1
Theft Less Than \$100 – 1
Climbing / Walking on Roof – 1

Boys will be boys

Monday, March 24, 10:32 p.m.

Two male subjects were observed fighting in a hallway of Red Cedar Hall. Officers from the Menomonie Police Department and University of Wisconsin-Stout responded to the call made by an RA of the floor. One male was clearly intoxicated with a bump above his eye and the other male was seen leaving the building. Officers from MPD left to go find the other male involved and brought him back to the scene.

The intoxicated male told officers that him and the other male was just horsing around about the NCAA tournament. He also said that his injuries came from tripping and falling into a wall. The other male suggested to police that the intoxicated male came into his room and started talking about something he didn't understand. The intoxicated male proceeded to push and nudge him around.

In an effort to get the intoxicated male to stop, the other male started pushing back. The RA observed the fighting and that is when the police were called. Both of the male parties did not want to press charges against each other and they were both told to go home.

Laptop locks only work if they actually help deter theft

Thursday, March 27, 11:30 a.m.

Two laptops that were loaned to Blue Devil Productions were reported stolen from a room in the Memorial Student Center. The laptops were secured with a cable and combination

lock and were also stolen at the same time as the laptops.

The cable was apparently so thin that a small cutter could have been used to cut the cable without much effort. The complainant told the officer that the office is frequently kept unlocked.

The value as well as the serial numbers of the missing laptops were unknown at the time of the call.

Peeping Tom is a-peepin'

Monday, March 31, 1:50 a.m.

A security worker in CKTO reported to Police that he saw a male crouching outside of AFM Hall looking into windows. The responding officers checked the area and found no one. The description of the male was very scant stating only that he was carrying a shoulder strap type tote bag.

MPD officers located and detained a male with a tote bag near 13th Avenue and 6th Street East. Police detained him while waiting for a better description of the suspect. After determining that the detained male was not involved in the incident at AFM Hall, he was immediately released.

What a way to welcome parents to our campus...

Saturday, March 29, 10:30 a.m.

A man visiting his son on North Campus reported to Police that the rear window of his vehicle had been smashed in. The vehicle had been parked in Lot 22 overnight and the window was intact at the time that it was parked.

It is unclear how the window was smashed because no projectiles were found in or outside of where the car had been parked. No other vehicles had been damaged in the same area.

The man stated that he was not having any trouble with anyone and speculated that perhaps the window was smashed because he was displaying a Winona State University decal on it.

There was, however, a UW-Stout decal displayed as well.



The 2008 RecycleMania competition is down to the wire as schools across the country strive to recycle every last can and reduce their waste generation to get a leg up in the results.

Over a 10-week period, campuses compete in different contests to see which institution can collect the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita, or have the highest recycling rate. The main goal of this event is to increase student awareness of campus recycling and waste minimization.

Nationally, as of March 30, The University of Wisconsin-Stout is in the top 50 percent for the Grand Champion, Gorilla Prize, paper and bottles categories and in the top 17 percent for waste minimization.

In addition to schools at the top of the national rankings, many schools are showing impressive results on the state and athletic conference levels. Even at colleges and universities not dominating the rankings, many have seen their recycling rates jump since the beginning of the competition. Regardless of where participants stand in the rankings, RecycleMania has been a great opportunity to raise awareness of recycling and waste reduction on campuses across the country.

The final day to collect trash and recycling weights is Saturday, April 5. All weights need to be reported by Wednesday, April 9. The final results of the 2008 competition will be posted the following Wednesday, April 16.

RecycleMania is supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WasteWise program and the National Recycling Coalition (NRC), and is coordinated as a project of NRC's College and University Recycling Council (CURC). The Coca-Cola Company is a major sponsor of RecycleMania

Stout's current standings

Grand Champion: #1 UW-Stout

Per Capita Classic: #1 UW-Oshkosh, #2 UW-River Falls, #3 UW-Stout

Waste Minimization: #1 UW-Stout, #2 Northland College

Gorilla Prize: #1 UW-Oshkosh, #2 UW-Stout

Targeted Material Paper: #1 UW-Stout, #2 College of Menominee Nation

Targeted Material Cardboard: #1 UW-Stout, #2 UW-Marinette

Targeted Material Bottles and Cans: #1 UW-Stout, #2 College of Menominee Nation

*These are UW-Stout's standings against the other Wisconsin schools involved in RecycleMania. The Wisconsin schools can choose which categories to enter. UW-Stout is entered in all the categories this year. If you would like to know UW-Stout's standings nationwide, please visit the official RecycleMania website www.recyclemaniacs.org

Breaking in the polytechnic

Maggie Meixl
Staff Writer

University of Wisconsin-Stout has been a polytechnic institution for over a year now. Current students have not seen a big change in the school, probably because there hasn't been one with the exception of the label of Wisconsin's Polytechnic University.

Instead of imposing a drastic change on UW-Stout, the polytechnic designation has allowed for more opportunity to improve upon current programs and expand the campus's repertoire.

Although there is no single definition of a polytechnic university, all schools labeled as such share characteristics. Polytechnics are comprehensive universities offering professional career-focused programs in the arts, social and related behavioral sciences, engineering, education and natural sciences and technology that engage students in active, applied learning, theory and research essential to the future of society, business and industry. UW-Stout exemplifies this through internship programs, contact with industry professionals and a hands-on minds-on approach to learning.

UW-Stout has always demonstrated the unique characteristics of a polytechnic. In 1974, the Board of Regents defined UW-

Stout as a special mission university with a select array of programs leading to professional careers and serving the needs of society. That distinction has stayed true because of the unique schooling style that involves combining theory, practice and experimentation in the classroom.

Many faculty members teach at UW-Stout after careers in their industry, and many majors require cooperative experiences in which students receive college credit for working in their fields. This close relationship between the classroom and workforce makes UW-Stout very unique and sought-after by prospective students.

This designation has allowed UW-Stout to market itself as a university, which offers an array of unique areas of study, unlike any other in the area. The definition of UW-Stout as a polytechnic university is that it is a comprehensive career-focused polytechnic university where students, faculty and staff use applied learning, scientific theory and research to solve real-world problems, grow the state's economy and serve society.

UW-Stout is a fine university, one that has focused sharply on its select mission, served its constituents extremely well and is now positioned to move to an even higher level of excellence.

Career Focus: A polytechnic university offers a comprehensive curriculum that prepares graduates for professional careers.

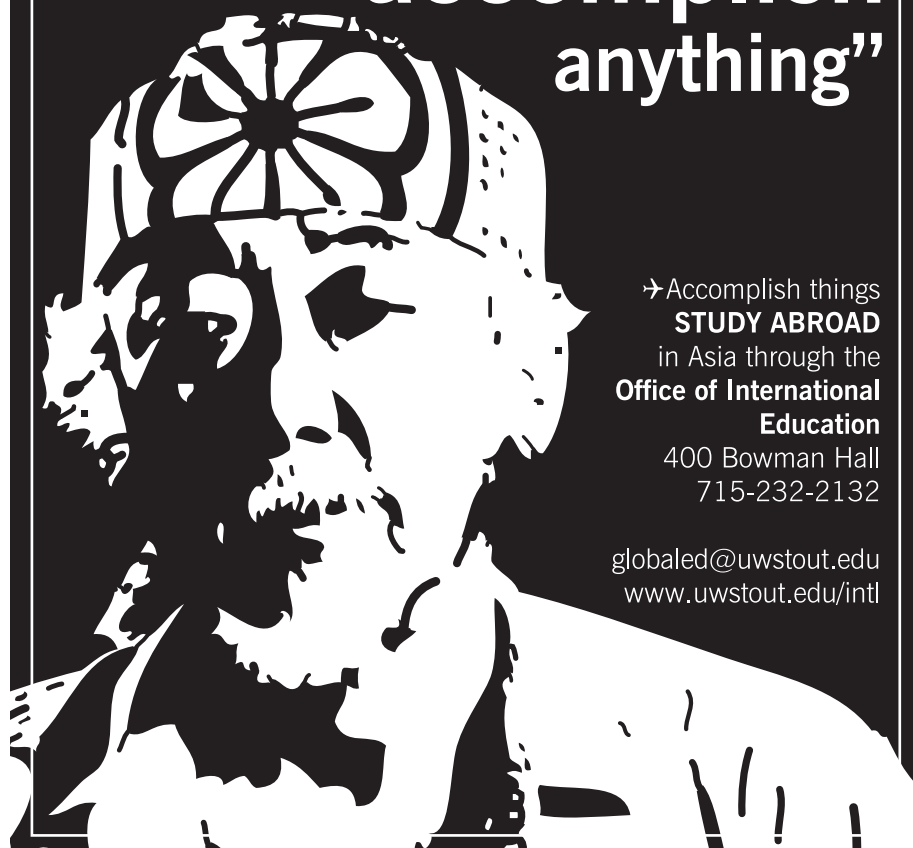
Applied Learning: A polytechnic university blends theory with practice to produce innovative solutions to real world problems.

Collaboration: A polytechnic university works closely with business, industry and other educational institutions to benefit students and grow the economy.

Polytechnic Peers:

- California Institute of Technology
- California Polytechnic State University- San Luis Obispo
- California Polytechnic State University – Pomona
- Southern Polytechnic State University
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Indiana Institute of Technology
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (aspirational peer)
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Michigan Technological University
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- New York Institute of Technology – Old Westbury and Manhattan campuses
- Polytechnic University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (aspirational peer)
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica – Rome
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God doesn't replace good drugs

Katie Kenner
Opinion Editor

You couldn't imagine the anger that swept over me when I heard about 11-year-old Madeline Neumann's unnecessary death. The 11-year-old died of complications from a form of treatable diabetes in Weston, Wis. after her parents refused to get her medical help and only offered the aid of prayer. Coming from a Christian family myself, I asked my parents what they thought about the situation, and they too were upset and angered by this seemingly good couple's lack of responsibility and freaking common sense. They explained that responsible parents would take their child to the doctor and would do anything for their child and wouldn't rely solely on prayer. Makes sense doesn't it?

Apparently not to Neumann's parents. Leilani Neumann, the girl's mother said that she and her family believe in the Bible and that healing comes from God, but that they do not belong to an organized religion or faith, are not fanatics and have nothing against doctors. While Mrs. Neumann may not be a fanatic, she is an idiot. As I heard from one person, God does not always heal directly, he helps us find a way to healing, i.e. he tells us to go to the doctor!

"We just noticed a tiredness within the past two weeks," Mrs. Neumann said Wednesday, "and then just the day before and that day (she died), it suddenly just went to a more serious situation. We stayed fast in prayer then. We believed that she would recover. We saw signs that to us, it looked like she was recovering." I am not a parent, but wouldn't you think responsible parents would immediately take their child to an emergency room instead of relying on prayer? Not to mention the fact it has been said the family had not taken poor Madeline to a doctor since she was three years old, and only then to get some shots, which I am sure were required for future schooling... or perhaps it was while her parents were still sane.

I know a lot of people cannot afford to go to a doctor each year for a check-up, but that is no excuse. There are free clinics and ways to get to the doctor's office for reduced rates. What about the new BadgerCare program? If it was your child, wouldn't you want to do everything you could to prevent sickness and death? I would sure hope so.

Possible charges could be brought against the Neumanns, but Leilani Neumann said she and her husband are not worried about the investigation because "our lives are in God's hands. We know we did not do anything criminal. We know we did the best for our daughter we knew how to do."

I simply do not think that a court in its right mind could let these foolish parents off the hook for what they did. You cannot use faith as a cop out. Religious beliefs do not supersede a parent's responsibility to seek life-saving treatment for a child. It is a child, adults are SUPPOSED to make wise and smart decisions for their children. What is wrong with people today?

I'm not the only one who believes they deserve charges. A MyFox Twin Cities online poll asked, "Should a Wisconsin couple face charges after only praying while their 11-year-old daughter was ill, rather than seek help from doctors?" Out of 1,153 people polled, 87.16 percent answer that, yes, they should be charged.

But there is one hiccup that might let these parents off the hook and allow their religious beliefs to supersede their poor child's right to live. Wisconsin state statute 948.03(6) Treatment through prayer. "A person is not guilty of an offense under this section solely because he or she provides a child with treatment by spiritual means through prayer alone for healing in accordance with the religious method of healing permitted under s. 48.981 (3) (c) 4. or 448.03 (6) in lieu of medical or surgical treatment." 448.03(6) Practice of Christian Science states that, "No law of this state regulating the practice of medicine and surgery may be construed to interfere with the practice of Christian Science. A person who elects Christian Science treatment in lieu of medical or surgical treatment for the cure of disease may not be compelled to submit to medical or surgical treatment." But seriously, can adults make this decision for an innocent child? Why do they have the right to do so? I hope that, in light of this case, lawmakers take a serious look at this statute and do away with it or at least amend it to include what should happen in the case of death.

Madeline's parents should be tried under Wisconsin state statute 948.21 Neglecting a child. "Any person who is responsible for a child's welfare who, through his or her actions or failure to take action, intentionally contributes to the neglect of the child is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or, if death is a consequence, a Class D felony." It is my hope that Madeline's parents are charged with neglecting a child and to the fullest extent. They earned that Class D felony and then some. It is obviously a case of neglect, but can the law get around their own ridiculous state statute of treatment through prayer?

If the state doesn't charge them and then pursue an amendment to state statute 948.03, it could mean a possible epidemic of people claiming they prayed for a cure while facing wrongful death charges. What's next? God made me do it? Freedom of religion has gone too far.

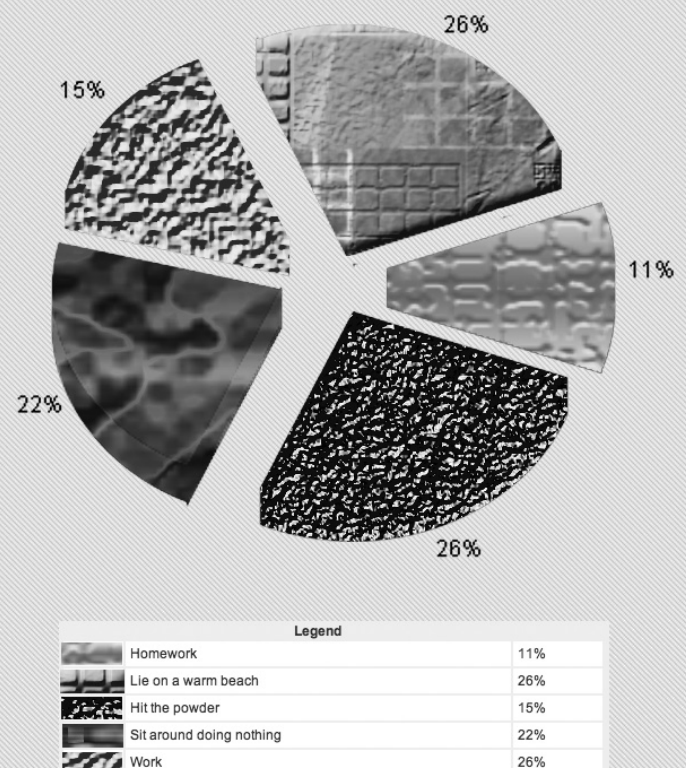
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God was listening

It had been raining for days and days, and a terrible flood had come over the land. The waters rose so high that one man was forced to climb onto the roof of his house.

As the waters rose higher and higher, a man in a rowboat appeared, and told him to get in. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the man in the rowboat went away. The man on the roof prayed for God to save him.

The waters rose higher and higher, and suddenly a speedboat appeared. "Climb in!" shouted a man in the boat. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the man in the speedboat went away. The man on the roof prayed for God to save him.

The waters continued to rise. A helicopter appeared and over the loudspeaker, the pilot announced he would lower a rope to the man on the roof. "No," replied the man on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the helicopter went away. The man on the roof prayed for God to save him.

The waters rose higher and higher, and eventually they rose so high that the man on the roof was washed away, and alas, the poor man drowned.

Upon arriving in heaven, the man marched straight over to God. "Heavenly Father," he said, "I had faith in you, I prayed to you to save me, and yet you did nothing. Why?" God gave him a puzzled look, and replied "I sent you two boats and a helicopter, what more did you expect?"

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Journal of Stupid Redundancies...err... Journal of Student Research

Chris Moellering
Staff Writer

It's not easy being told your writing stinks. It's not easy being told your research was a giant waste of time. It's not easy finding out that a years worth of hard work was inadequate. It's not easy finding out that you are simply subpar at what you do, and the thing you're subpar at is what you're supposed to excel at. It's not easy being judged by self-appointed judges, who have an obvious bias towards that which relates to their interests and area of study. No, it's not easy at all, but last week that's what my partners and I were told by the Journal of Student Research or as I like to call it the Journal of Stupid Redundancies.

Why our research project was rejected, we don't know. We were never told. So, we are left to make our own assumptions of why our hard work was selected, edited and then rejected after a year of working, waiting and hoping.

We can only conclude that our project was rejected because we are not part of one of the fields of study that heavily dominate the faculty review board. We are not Applied Science, Human Development and Family Studies, Psychology or Rehabilitation and Counseling. No, we are Technical Communication and our research and voice deserves to be heard like the rest of them, even though we have no faculty reviewer on the board.

Why do I think there is a bias in the review board? Maybe because in the last two volumes of the Journal of Stupid Redundancies there has been 13 student research projects that have been approved by professors that have been advising the student researchers. How convenient is it to have your professor approving your work for publication? How nice of a luxury is it to have the power to publish your own student's work? How good does that make you look as professor, when you have a ton of your own student's work published?

If you still don't believe that there is a bias, then check out the Journal of Stupid Redundancies volume VI, 2007. Look at the name on page seven, of the executive editorial board, sixth from the top, and see how many projects she advised in that volume. If your University of Wisconsin-Stout math skills work like mine, you should count nine out of twenty-one. Almost half of that journal belongs to one person.

Before I go any further, I would like to make it absolutely clear that I am in no way

attacking students who have worked on research projects and have been published in the journal. I'm sure they all have put a lot of hard work, time and dedication into their projects.

You may be wondering why I keep calling it the Journal of Stupid Redundancies. I do because that's what it is. There is absolutely nothing groundbreaking or earth-shattering about the research projects that have been in the last few volumes. It is all the same old research packaged in shiny new cases, by smiling new faces, making them redundant. Here, I'll save you all a bunch time and work and do all the research needed in your fields. Here's the latest research in Applied Science: stem cells are good. They're going to save the world, but too bad you don't get any funding so keep begging. How about Human Development and Family Studies? Abusive parents are bad for children. It's good but boring to wait for sex until marriage. Drugs are fun but dangerous and eating large quantities of bacon can be seriously detrimental to your health. What about Psychology? Well, kids want to kill their dad and have sex with their mother. That's about it. Then there's Rehabilitation and Counseling. Does anybody even know what the hell they do?

I'm not saying our research was groundbreaking or earth shattering. It just provided a window into a cultural underworld and showed how social isolation brings about language differences. It opened the door into an aspect of linguistics that has yet to be tapped. It showed how meanings of words can change over time and within certain social settings. It showed how power can affect language and how language can affect power. It illustrated how language is in a constant state of flux. It has a good chance of changing the Oxford English Dictionary, yet it is not good enough for the Journal of Stupid Redundancies.

Our project was good enough to receive the only A in the class from a professor who doesn't give A's. It was good enough to be praised by the smartest man I ever met in my life, a man who is a well-respected and nationally recognized linguist. He is man who is actually referred to as "a giant" in the field of Technical and International Communication. Yep, it was good enough for him, but not for the Journal of Stupid Redundancies. Apparently, those in the fields of Human Development and Family Studies, Psychology and Applied Science know more about linguistics than those who are linguists. They know more about writing than those who are writers.

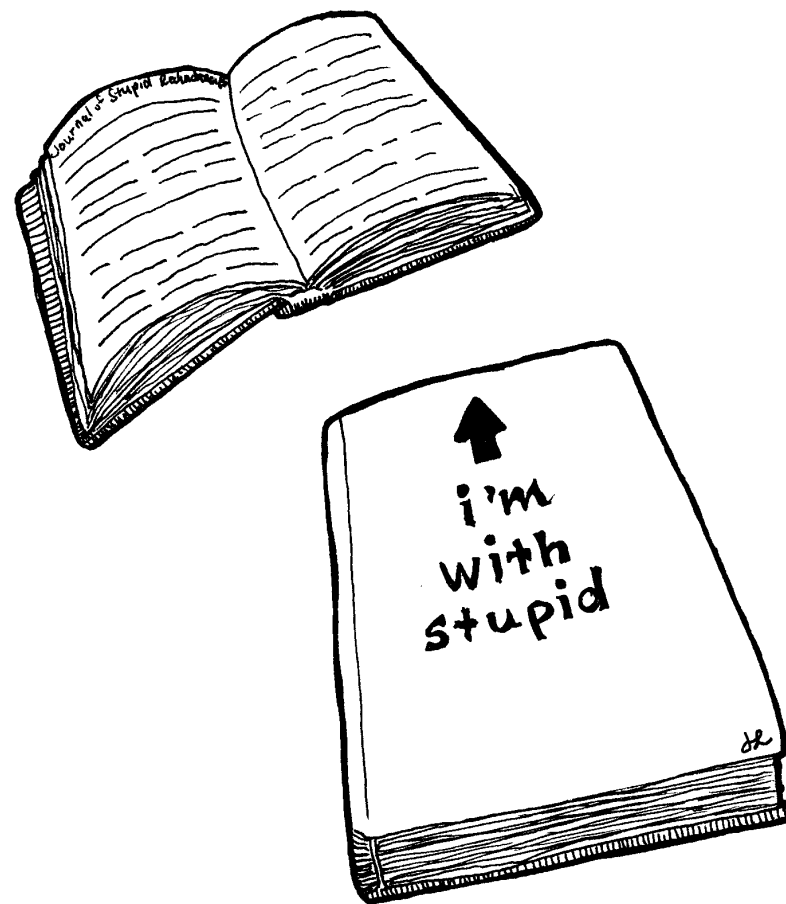


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I'm partly upset at the unfair bias in the Journal of Stupid Redundancies, but I am also upset at how unprofessional they were. It was really nice of them to not tell us why we were rejected. It was nice of them to not answer our emails and questions. It was nice of them to accept our research project, ask us to make 10 hours worth of changes and then reject it. It was nice of them to send us generic, boilerplate e-mails that were out of date. It was nice of them to give us helpful explanations like, "your reviewer is being pokey." Was "pokey" the word of the day on Sesame Street? Maybe they were busy with Big Bird singing karaoke? Maybe they were with Bert and Ernie doing the hokey pokey? They could have been with Cookie Monster playing ring-around-the-rosie. Maybe they were with the Count counting toesies or maybe simply with Oscar being dopey?

It's funny I've gone to college for six years to learn something I already knew, something that is more important than any-

thing I will take out of my classes: "it's not what you know: it's who you know." Maybe if our advisor was one of the reviewers, we would have gotten published. Maybe if we used scientific words like "pokey," our research would have been accepted. Maybe if our research was as redundant as this article we would have gotten published, because it certainly seems like it takes more than breakthrough research that spans the country from Florida to Menomonie to San Francisco. It obviously takes more than a well-written analysis of language and social interaction. It takes more, but I'm not quite sure how much more, because I'm still waiting for the Journal of Stupid Redundancies to get back to me.

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Untapped resources: searching for the educational guru

Lacy Seefeldt
Guest Writer

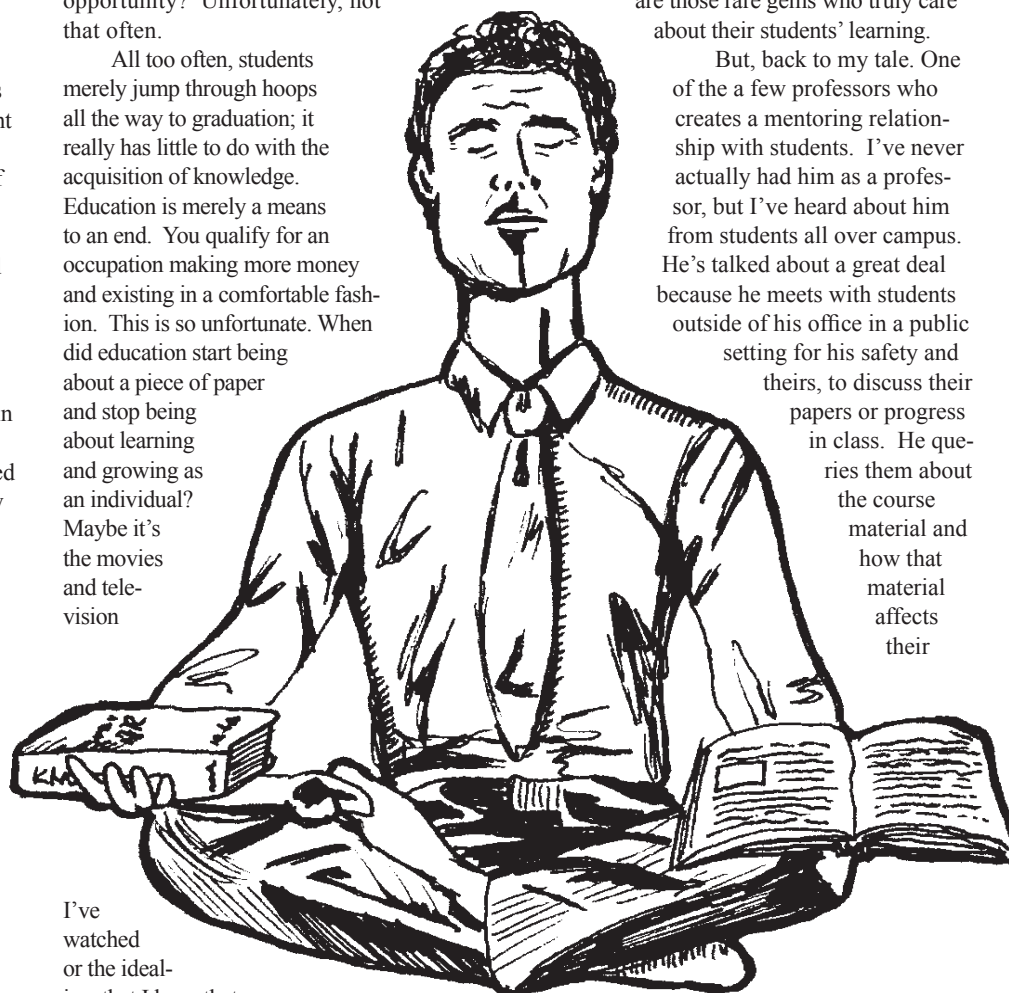
As a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, I have seen my fair share of professors. Some I have respected, others have made me feel inferior, a few have taught me little to nothing and some have actually inspired me to perhaps be a professor myself someday. This little tale is about the latter. This is a tale of rare circumstance: a tale of an inspiring man who truly devotes time and attention to his students, who hopes to help them develop beyond the classroom.

Professors have an exorbitant amount of power in the education of students. Most everything a professor says is mulled about in the eager mind of the student and then interpreted in some way; many times it is accepted as fact, with nary a question. No matter how much we bitch about our professors or all the homework we must do, we secretly look up to them. During that huge developmental stage between ages 18-23, they are our biggest role models and greatly impact our lives. More than most realize, they influence our decisions, our opinions and the very knowledge absorbed in the daily classroom activities.

Menomonie is certainly a "small town." There, I've said it. As such, we have the privilege of attending an academically outstanding school which has an outstanding faculty. The student-to-teacher ratio at UW-Stout is 19:1. We can boast of the specialized instruction we can attain. Indeed, students here have an amazing learning opportunity. By tapping into the resources available, students have some world class professors walking next to them down the hallway

or standing in front of their classes. Do we actively take advantage of this opportunity? Unfortunately, not that often.

All too often, students merely jump through hoops all the way to graduation; it really has little to do with the acquisition of knowledge. Education is merely a means to an end. You qualify for an occupation making more money and existing in a comfortable fashion. This is so unfortunate. When did education start being about a piece of paper and stop being about learning and growing as an individual? Maybe it's the movies and television



I've watched or the idealism that I have that makes me look for that roaming educational sage where life mentors, in the form of professors, demonstrate what it truly means to "profess" some-

thing. Perhaps much like "The Dead Poets Society" or "Finding Forrester," there are those rare gems who truly care about their students' learning.

But, back to my tale. One of the few professors who creates a mentoring relationship with students. I've never actually had him as a professor, but I've heard about him from students all over campus. He's talked about a great deal because he meets with students outside of his office in a public setting for his safety and theirs, to discuss their papers or progress in class. He queries them about the course material and how that material affects their

learning, but it's not just about their grades or the curriculum. It's about the student, it's about what's going on in the students' lives that may be affecting their ability to optimally learn. It's about whether or not students are learning and making progress. It's about whether or not students are making improvements in becoming better learners or more intelligent citizens. It's about teaching them to see their lives as a vocation. It is about professing; it is who he is.

For what reason do we attend the academy? For a piece of paper? No, education is about the "examined life." It's about growth, pure and simple, about bettering yourself as a person. How do we better ourselves? By being pushed to excel by professors who genuinely care. We, as students, want to be inspired! We want to be challenged, and we want to learn and grow as individuals. Professors, please challenge yourselves to use your powerful influence to create a spark of passion for learning; but not just learning your course material, but learning about life. Do what you can to teach as effectively as possible. After all, that's your job. You are educators; inspire us and we will learn!

We need more passionate professors who provoke our educational desire and help us absorb, like a proverbial sponge. We, the students, need to rise to the occasion. Being a student is a privilege, and being a student at UW-Stout is an even greater privilege. We need to take advantage of this possibility. It is a mutual responsibility. Students: challenge yourself to learn, to feel inspired and to improve yourself to create a strong foundation for your long and eventful life. Professors: please be patient, but firm; be the guide we need to make a difference both now and in the future.

illustration by Jessica Leafblad

Letters to the Editor

A recent small poll of college freshmen showed the two most important qualities needed by a presidential candidate were honesty and integrity. Other important traits included intelligence and a sense of determination to improve the life of Americans. While the Wisconsin primary has just been completed, the nominee for the Democratic Party is still undecided. It is my hope that Sen. Barack Obama will win the nomination because he will receive my vote. In the 2008 presidential election, I am voting for Barack Obama because I believe he possesses these important qualities.

Obama is an excellent candidate because he can relate to the average American. Like many Americans, he grew up in a single parent household and worked

hard to achieve the success he currently has in both his personal and professional life. Demonstrating that he has always striven to make things better, Obama worked as a community organizer in Chicago, trying to improve living conditions in poor neighborhoods.

In a recent speech given at University of California- Los Angeles, Michelle Obama, his wife, explained that Obama was able to see the world because his mother, "traveled the world and studied women's issues in places like Indonesia. Obama looks at other countries with a level of respect and understanding without fear." These experiences make him ideal for dealing with our nation's foreign affairs.

As a college student, one of the most

compelling points that Obama made in the Los Angeles Democratic debate concerned college tuition. Obama's idea is to provide \$4,000 a year to college students who participate in specific community services, such as working in understaffed hospitals or homeless shelters. This solves two problems at once by helping college students with high tuition costs while benefiting the community.

As I research Obama's positions on the issues and I look at his record of service at the state and federal level, I believe he is ready to make a difference in this country. He is the best candidate for the president.

Alexia Sebesta
University of Wisconsin Stout Student

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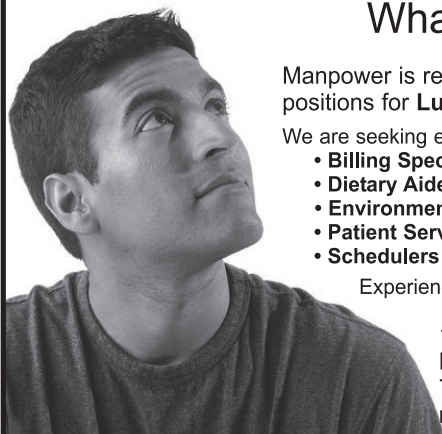
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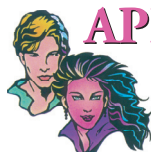
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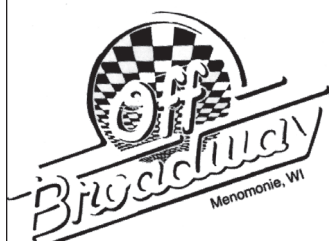
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Boobs and boas



A Hollywood celebrities and A-list stars-themed drag show, informally known as "Drag-a-Palooza," took place on March 31 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center's Great Hall. This show was put on by Out@Stout, which is the University of Wisconsin-Stout's only student gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and ally advocacy and social organization.

The event was a hit; over 200 people attended and the crowd enjoyed the unique performances.

Drag-a-Palooza is put on every spring around advisement day. Performers were professional drag performers invited from Eau Claire, Menomonie, and Chippewa Falls.

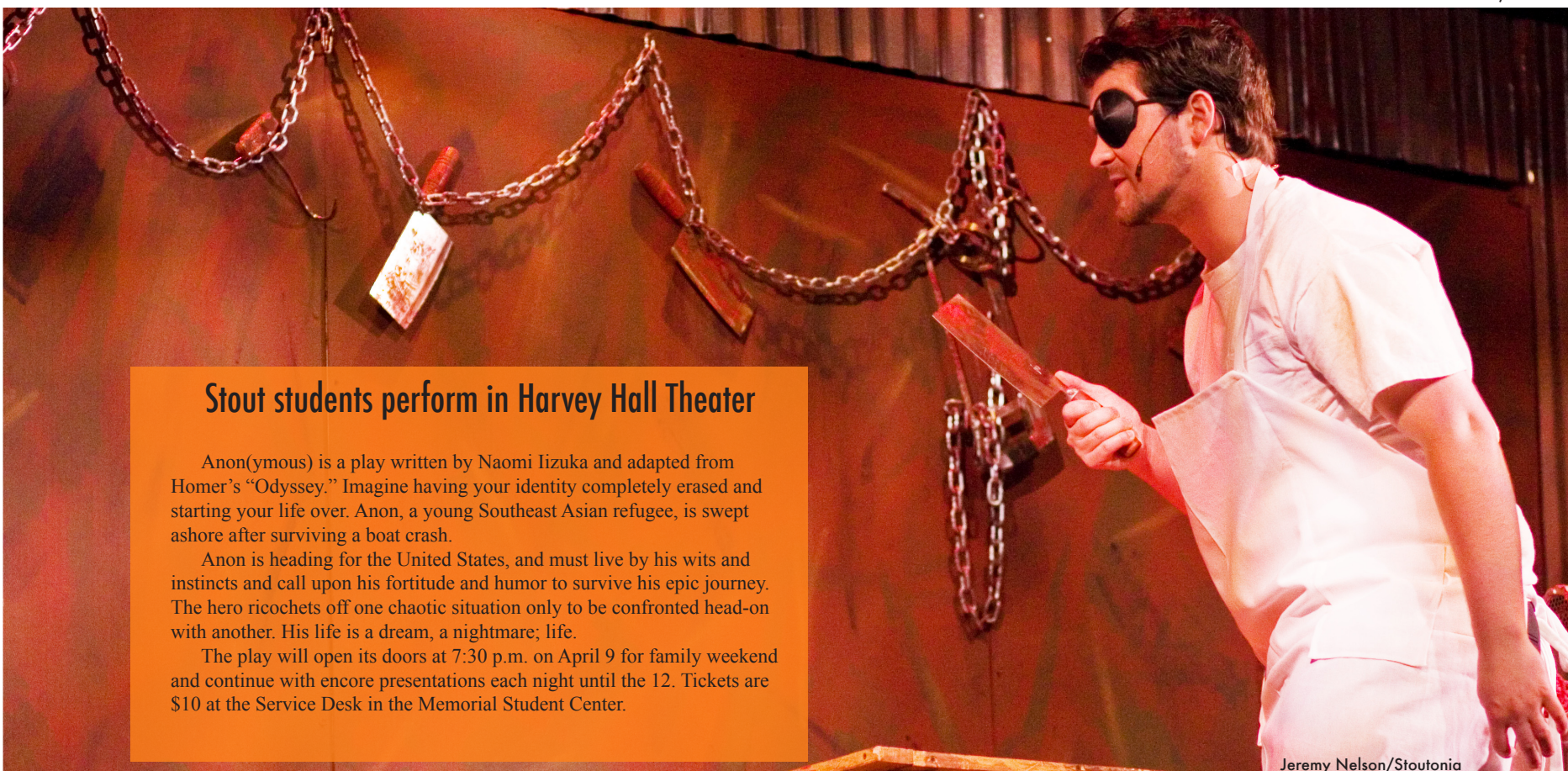
This year, six stiletto-wearing, boa-toting drag queens and two drag kings performed, including a UW-Stout student known in drag as Kitannah Kim. Other colorful stage names include Ophelia Junque, Miss Felicia, Miss Dee Lovely and Big Kitty.

"People often negatively react to drag performances because they do not understand them," said Matt Swanson, senior in technical communication and member of Out at Stout. "Only by being confronted with stereotypes can we begin to understand them and eliminate the harmful ones that cause prejudice."

The purpose of a drag show is to bring people together for something that is fun and entertaining. Men have dressed up as women to entertain for most of this century and many find that performing as the opposite gender can bring a great understanding of what other members of the gender feel.



Evan Thurer/Stoutonia



Stout students perform in Harvey Hall Theater

Anon(ymous) is a play written by Naomi Iizuka and adapted from Homer's "Odyssey." Imagine having your identity completely erased and starting your life over. Anon, a young Southeast Asian refugee, is swept ashore after surviving a boat crash.

Anon is heading for the United States, and must live by his wits and instincts and call upon his fortitude and humor to survive his epic journey. The hero ricochets off one chaotic situation only to be confronted head-on with another. His life is a dream, a nightmare; life.

The play will open its doors at 7:30 p.m. on April 9 for family weekend and continue with encore presentations each night until the 12. Tickets are \$10 at the Service Desk in the Memorial Student Center.

Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

The Wire Top

Upcoming Music - Movies - Games

Events

Thurs, April 3rd '08:

- Allison Scott W/ Phil Solem @ Underground 8pm FREE
- Steez @ Underground 10pm FREE

Fri, April 5th '08:

- Monroe Crossing @ Mabel Tainter 7:30pm \$16

Wed April 9th-12th '08:

- Anon(ymous) @ Harvey Hall Theatre 7:30pm \$10

Thurs, April 10th '08:

- Ladies Night Out @ Mainstreet Menomonie 4-8pm (prices vary)
- Heiruspecs w/ the Blend @ Underground 8pm FREE
- Sol Spectre @ Waterfront 10pm FREE

Fri, April 11th '08:

- Garpik @ Wilver Dollar Saloon 10pm FREE

Sat April 12th '08:

- UW-Stout Concert Band Performance 11am \$5
- "Maxed Out" (NR) APPA 210 @ 3pm FREE
- Public Property @ Waterfront 10pm FREE

CD Releases

Tues, April 8th '08:

- Eric Avery of Janes Addiction: "Help Wanted"
- Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds: "Dig, Lazarus, Dig!"
- Ike Riley: "Poison the Hit Parade"

Tues, April 15th '08:

- Everclear: "The Vegas Years"
- Phantom Planet: "Raide the Dead"

Movie Releases

Fri, April 4th '08:

- Leatherheads (PG-13)
- Nims Island (PG)
- The Ruins (R)

Fri, April 11th '08:

- Prom Night (PG-13)
- Smart People (NR)
- Street Kings (R)

Student musicians go on tour, perform on family weekend



Contributed photo

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Concert Band and Jazz Band will be touring Thursday, April 3 and Friday, April 4. Dr. Stephanie Graber will direct the 85 concert band members and 20 jazz band musicians for the All-School Assemblies.

They will be traveling to Pepin, Alma and Spring Valley schools in Wisconsin and to Richfield High School and Middle School in Richfield, Minn., and playing selections from their upcoming April 12 family weekend concert.

According to Dr. Graber, the UW-Stout bands are a very popular assembly in public schools. "We make our concerts a real musical education experience as the musical stores are explained and demonstrated by our band students," said Dr. Graber.

The band is planning "something special" for the future 2008 Homecoming concert. Dr. Graber hopes to work with the Alumni office in order to develop an Alumni band celebration for that weekend.

The band will also be traveling to Europe in January 2009, touring and giving concerts in Germany, Holland and Switzerland.

The Concert Band's family weekend program includes Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man"; Robert W. Smith's "Buffalo Dances"; Frank Ticheli's beautiful "Amazing Grace"; "Clouds That Sail in Heaven" by Todd Stalter; Steven Reineke's "Towards a New Horizon"; and "The Blues Factory" by Jacob de Haan.

The Jazz Band, directed by Jazz interns Paul Stodolka and Josh Nims, will be performing "Saturday Night Fish Fry" arranged by John Berry; "St. Thomas" by Sonny Rollins, arranged by Mike Lewis; and Jump Start Samba by John Berry.

The Family Weekend Band Concert will be Saturday, April 12 at 11 a.m. in the Memorial Student Center's Great Hall. Tickets for the concert are available at the door and are \$5.

Delta Zeta, Stoutman for alcohol alternative

Nathaniel Fellows

Staff Writer

Every spring, Delta Zeta has an alcohol awareness week where they encourage alternatives to drinking and promote responsible drinking. Throughout the week, members of the sorority provide events such as the Stoutman competition, where guys compete to win the Stoutman title.

This year, Delta Zeta chose University of Wisconsin-Stout student David Robbins as Stoutman. In order to win Stoutman, students must compete in the talent, swimsuit, interview and formal wear/introduction competitions. The winner receives \$50 and all of the other participants get prizes as well.

Tracey Flis, event coordinator, said that the event is "not taken too seriously and it's usually more funny and entertaining than anything."

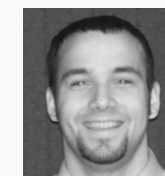
There are no tryouts for Stoutman because any male UW-Stout student can participate. This year Delta Zeta had 11 Stoutman contestants.

Other events that Delta Zeta puts on are movie night, and according to Flis, "they had a great turn out." They also participate in "dry drives" which involves about 20 Delta Zeta driving around with partners and give safe and sober rides home for people at zero cost. They also put on a pancake breakfast in the Leisure Center, which costs \$5 for all you can eat.

Visit uwstout.edu/student.dz.index.htm for more information about the sorority and upcoming events.

SSA election forum

No one showed; students don't care



Photos and Story By Tony Nelson/Editor in Chief

Even the promise of free food could not bring a crowd to meet with the newly elected 2008-09 executive board directors of the Stout Student Association.

The Great Hall was set up for a large crowd for a listening session of the new representatives on

Wednesday April 2nd, but only a handful showed.

Newly-elected executive board directors Michael Lubke, president (left); Gao Vang, diversity director; Misty Malott, legislative affairs director; Sam Rosen, organizational affairs director.

Study like the Scots with Jonna!

Nathaniel Fellows
Staff Writer

Need some general credits but don't know where to take them? If you sign up by May 15, 2008, you can travel to Scotland for the 2008 fall semester and earn those credits. Jonna Gjevne, University of Wisconsin-Stout English professor, will be teaching three

courses in Scotland this fall.

The courses are Modern British Literature, Creative Writing and Science Fiction & Fantasy. Each course is worth three credits and there will also be a professor from University of Wisconsin-River Falls teaching Principles of Marketing and Consumer Behavior. There will also be a Scottish

professor teaching a colloquium on Scottish culture and some other courses.

The courses are for the full fall semester, starting in late August and going until Dec. 15. There is also a separate set of courses offered in the spring semester; the deadline for spring is Oct. 15. For more information go to: uwrf.edu/wis/welcome.php.



Brian Muller
Staff Writer

Last weekend the Peoples Organization for Network Gaming (PONG) held its annual April Fools LAN party from 10 a.m. March 29 to 4 p.m. March 30 in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center. PONG's grand tradition for this event is a 30-hour party of endless gaming and energy drink consumption.

The Great Hall was packed for the event. At least 10 tables were set up, and most of them were covered in all varieties of gaming PCs and laptops set up by almost 100 registered players, not including unregistered guests and random walk-ins.

It was a fun experience to walk up and down the rows, watching all the different games that people were playing.

One of these games was "Team Fortress 2," a popular multiplayer shooter game that lessens the seriousness of all the killing and blood by having Pixar-like graphics. Of course, "Team Fortress 2" is popular because of the very fun team-based game play, and the unique and well-balanced classes to choose from.

Also played was "Battlefield 2142," another shooter in the popular iBattlefield franchise. In addition to being a team-based shooter like "Team Fortress 2," "Battlefield 2142" takes place in the future and features large-scale battles including varying forms of war vehicles.

A common thread here is team-based shooters. Similar games like "Call of Duty 4" and "Counter Strike Source" were also played.

Of course, not every game was a shooter. There were various tournaments set up to change the games gamers played from time to time. While there were tournaments on the games mentioned above, there were also tournaments set up for a real-time strategy

game like "World of Worms," or a racing game like "Trackmania Nations."

Then again, if a break was needed from PC gaming, there was a Nintendo Wii and a Playstation 3 hooked up to projectors in the corner. People were smashing each other with iSuper Smash Bros. Brawl tournament on the Wii, while others were rocking out in iRock Band! on the Playstation 3. At one point, there were three sets of iRock Band! playing.

Ryan Kieler, an information communication technology major and PONG member said, "It was great to see a

lot more people stay the entire night. We ate a lot of pizza."

Kieler said the biggest tournament was "Team Fortress 2," and "Counter Strike Source" had a good number of participants. He also mentioned that it was good to see many people showed up. On future PONG events, Kieler said, "For the next event, we want to get more sponsors and be able to give out more prizes."

For more information on PONG and its tournaments, visit their Web site at uwstout.edu.

Ruckus Weekly Top Ten

Hooray! Students are actually using this nifty little program that the university worked so hard to give us in order to combat illegal mp3 pirating.

It's time to see what UW-Stout students are listening to. Here are the top ten most-downloaded songs from Ruckus for the past week.

1. "Love Song" - Sara Bareilles
2. "Low" - Flo Rida feat. T-Pain
3. "Apologize" - Timbaland
4. "With You" - Chris Brown
5. "No Air" - Jordin Sparks feat Chris Brown
6. "Bubbly" - Colbie Caillat
7. "Love In This Club" - Usher feat Young Jeezy
8. "Kiss Kiss" - Chris Brown
9. "Bleeding Love" - Leona Lewis
10. "Stop And Stare" - OneRepublic

Ruckus is a free ad-supported music and media download service built specifically for college students. The service provides unlimited download access to a library of more than 3 million high-fidelity songs including all of the major labels and thousands of indies with new music added every week.



Jeremy Nelson/Stoutonia

Gamers Dave Janzen and Jeremy Kruckeberg enjoy 30 hours straight of connected gaming at PONG's April Foo's LAN party last weekend.

Stout Underground Comedy Club's initial show gets plenty of giggles



Lars Leafblad/Stoutonia

Students shake their funny bone at the first Stout Underground Comedy Club show on April Fool's Day. The event, which incorporated the skills of multiple UW-Stout students, was a big success.

Andy Hahn
Staff Writer

The Stout Underground Comedy Club (SUCC) had its inaugural show at The Underground on the most appropriate of days, April Fool's Day. The show, however, was no joke. The audience enjoyed over an hour of improv comedy full of laughs and even audience participation.

The show worked very similar to "Whose Line is it Anyway?" or "Comedy Sports," in which the actors are given direction and whatever happens in the skit is left to the actor's imagination.

Skits ranged from "party words," in which the party host attempted to figure out what was ailing his guest, to "script," where two of the three participating actors could only respond with phrases from a theater script.

A particular skit, aptly named "questions," only allowed the actors to talk with questions. The audience suggested setting for this skit was located inside a leaking submarine. This scenario led the actors into plenty of awkward situations, much to the delight of the audience. Following this, the show was open to any and all suggestions from the audience.

Favorite skits were done again with new scenarios and audience members were encouraged to come on stage to try their

luck at improv. I helped with one skit named "sound effects," in which a volunteer and myself made sound effects off stage while the actors played out the scene. Our scenario was that the actors were circus workers trapped in a tent with bees. Here the actors' talents shown through as they quickly reacted to odd sounds made and were able to get a laugh out of it.

By the end of the show it was obvious that practice makes perfect in improv, since the timing was much tighter and scenarios ended up getting many laughs. SUCC welcomes new members and has practice at 3 p.m. in The Underground on Fridays. Additional shows are being planned before the school year is over. Contact comedyclub@uwstout.edu for more information.

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Ashley Smolen
Food Columnist

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- For a CD with a scratch on it, simply rub with mayo and let it sit for about 5 minutes. Then wipe off, going from the center of the CD to the outside rim.

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- Have a broken light bulb still in the light? Unplug the light from the wall (very important), and cut a potato in half. Press it on to the broken bulb and twist off.
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- In the case of fever, take a potato and cut it in half. Take each half and put it on the bottom of the individual's feet, keeping them in place by putting socks on over the potatoes. Keep the potatoes on for a few hours. When you take them out, the fever will either be a lot lower or gone.

BEER

- For stains on carpet, a light beer (any kind of yellow beer will do) will pick it up. The smell leaves something to be desired, but steam clean the spot afterwards the smell will go away.
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VINEGAR

- White vinegar is good for cleaning the winter salt off of shoes and boots. Just dip a cotton ball in vinegar and wipe the shoes or boots.
- Vinegar does an awesome job of getting rid of the nasty smell of vomit on a rug or other fabric. Just use a rag dampened with vinegar as you clean up.

PEPPER

- Ever have cramps that have you doubled over? Cut a square of white cotton, place a tablespoon of black pepper in the center, tie the square into a "tea bag" & place in boiling water. After 2 minutes, remove from water and drink the "pepper tea" as hot as you can as fast as you can (it tastes horrid). Within minutes the cramps will go away!

PEANUT BUTTER

- Peanut Butter is great for removing crayon off of wallpaper. It won't fade the color.
- If you place a small amount of peanut butter on a zit and cover with a Band-aid overnight, it should be healed by morning.
- Peanut butter (creamy) is an excellent product for removing tar from the areas on a car. Just apply to a soft cloth and rub to dissolve the tar. Remove any leftover residue with soap and water.
- Peanut butter makes a great quick fix for the hiccups. Eating 1/2 to 1 tablespoon should do the trick.

ONIONS

- For healing mosquito bites, put a piece of raw onion on the offending bites for about two minutes. It stops the itch, and takes the redness away.
- To eliminate odors from painting a room, cut an onion in half and leave one half on each end of the room. The onion completely soaks up the paint odor and leaves the room without the smell of onion.

LEMON

- Use lemons to stop excessive perspiration under the arms. Cut a thin slice and place it under each arm for about 30 min. It will dramatically reduce the "pit drench" when coupled with a good anti-perspirant.
- To remove rust stains from fabric, saturate the stain with fresh lemon juice, then cover with a layer of table salt. Rub the salt into the juice, making a thick paste. Wait for the juice to dry completely, then brush or wash the salt off. The rust will be gone.
- Cats HATE the smell of citrus, so lightly rubbing your wood furniture with orange or lemon rinds or oils will help deter cats.

KETCHUP

- Ketchup is a really good moisturizer. Wash your hands with soap and water (make sure no soap suds are left), dry them and take some ketchup and rub around your hands. Make sure there's no excess ketchup, then wash gently.



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Softball team on eight game losing streak



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The UW-Stout softball team huddles before facing Hawaii Pacific University in Hawaii on Sunday, March 16.

by Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's softball team is on an eight game losing streak after a 0-8 run in its spring break tournament March 16-18 in Waipula, Hawaii.

The Blue Devils lost all eight games that were played over spring break in Hawaii. The team opened the tournament to the Hawaii Pacific Sea Warriors on March 16. In the first game, the Sea Warriors pitcher threw a perfect game, facing only 15 batters. The UW-Stout lost the game 0-8.

In the second game, the Blue Devils did not allow another perfect game to be pitched. Senior Savanah Oeltjen started UW-Stout off with a lead-off single. After the lead-off single, sophomore Megan McDonald added an infield single.

After that, it was all downhill for the Blue Devils. Hawaii Pacific scored one run in the third inning and scored nine runs in the fourth inning. Hawaii Pacific took another victory away from the Blue Devils with a score of 10-0.

On the second day of the tournament, UW-Stout faced a double-header against the Brigham Young University-Hawaii Seaside. The Blue Devils were not able to pull off a victory in either game.

Senior Beth Lloyd and Oeltjen both went four-for-four in the opening game, which gave UW-Stout its first runs of the tournament. BYU-Hawaii scored four runs before UW-Stout was able to put a run on the board in the third inning. Lloyd batted in Oeltjen for the second and last run of the game. BYU added in three more runs in the fifth and sixth innings to win 7-2.

In the second game of the series, UW-Stout's only run was scored from an error in

the first inning, which allowed Oeltjen who hit a triple. Oeltjen was six-for-seven on the day and had three singles and a triple. Lloyd had the only runs batted in of the day. Committing seven errors in the second game, UW-Stout lost 1-9.

The final day of the tournament, UW-Stout faced the Chaminade University Silverswords. In the opening game, the Silverswords jumped all over the Blue Devils, winning the game 16-0 in five innings.

After a rough first game, the Blue Devils bounced back to take a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Chaminade cut UW-Stout's lead in half, scoring one run in the bottom of the second inning. Chaminade scored the game-winning two-run double in the fourth inning.

The final two games against Chaminade both ended in losses for UW-Stout. In the third game, the Blue Devils jumped to a 2-0 lead but couldn't hold on to it as Chaminade took a lead and held on to win 8-3 for the final game of the tournament. In the third game of the tournament, the Silverswords took a 2-0 lead and held on to win 3-1.

The Blue Devils saw Carleton College on March 7 in a double header. UW-Stout fell behind in the opening game 0-3 in the first inning. In the second inning, the Blue Devils fell even further behind, 1-5. Freshman Sara Sivertson hit a solo home run in the second. This homerun woke UW-Stout up offensively in the sixth inning.

The Blue Devils had back-to-back singles by Lloyd and Peterson and then a walk by freshman Kelly Conway. Sivertson hit a double, hitting in two runs. A sacrifice fly by freshman Taylor Wild brought UW-Stout to within one run. In the bottom of the sixth, Carleton expanded the lead to 4-6, but UW-Stout added in five runs in the top of the seventh. Conway tied the score with a two-run

double and then Fichter cushioned the lead with a three-run home run. In the bottom of the seventh, Carleton added one run to give UW-Stout the victory 9-7.

In the second game, UW-Stout scored 11 runs in the first inning, most coming from loaded-base walks. The Blue Devils added six runs in the fourth inning. They finished with 12 hits, drew five walks and batters were hit twice by pitches. UW-Stout also committed eight errors in the five inning game.

UW-Stout faced Augsburg College on March 4 in a double header where the Blue Devils were victorious in both games. The Blue Devils opened the game with a three-run first inning.

In the bottom of the inning, Augsburg added a single run, and added two more in the bottom of the third. The Blue Devils took the lead after freshman Kaitlin Helgass scored from an advancement from a sacrifice bunt, a stolen base and a throwing error.

Augsburg put the game in extra innings after scoring an unearned run in the bottom of the seventh inning. UW-Stout was able to pull off the victory 7-4 in the eighth inning.

In the second game of the series, UW-Stout had six runs in the second inning. The Blue Devils added in one run in the fourth inning. At the bottom of the fourth, Augsburg added one run.

Fichter drove in two runs with a double to left field, making the score 9-1. Augsburg added in single runs in both the fifth and sixth innings to hold off early elimination. In the seventh inning, Augsburg scored two more runs.

The Blue Devils faced a double-header against St. Scholastica University on Feb. 17. UW-Stout came out victorious in both games. Sophomore pitcher Rachel Roberts had seven strikeouts in each game. In the fifth inning of the first game UW-Stout jumped to a 4-0 lead, all four runs were scored were unearned as St. Scholastica committed three errors. In the bottom of the fifth Scholastica scored one run and then scored three in the sixth to tie the game.

The Blue Devils were able to pull off the win in the top of the ninth after McDonald reached on an infield error where freshman Lisa Reiter scored from third base. Roberts pitched out of a jam in the bottom of the ninth but Conway got the final out after tagging a runner who was attempting to advance on a fielder's choice.

Scholastica jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the second game, but UW-Stout began chipping away with a single run in the third, fourth and fifth innings, eventually taking a 7-5 lead in the bottom of the sixth inning. Nelson drove in two runs with

a pinch hit double and Wild added a two run double. Scholastica tied the game at seven in the top of the seventh. The Blue Devils scored the winning run on an error in the bottom of the seventh. Nelson hit a bunt single that was misplayed and allowed Peterson to score on a throwing error.

The team opened their season with a split to Northwestern University on Feb. 22. Northwestern scored their first and only run of the game in the second inning. UW-Stout took the lead in the fourth inning after Fichter hit a one-out homerun. Wild followed up with a single and scored on a triple by Sivertson. In the seventh inning the Blue Devils scored three runs to win the game; McDonald, Conway and Peterson all scored. Sophomore Kristy Hoffman recorded eight strikeouts.

The first Eagle runners were walked and scored on errors in the second game of the series. The Blue Devils only run scored in the sixth inning when Roberts drove in Sivertson. Roberts had 11 strikeouts.

This season the Blue Devils are returning six players and adding 14 freshmen and one sophomore transfer. Lloyd was a first-team all conference catcher last season. Hoffman is a returning pitcher, Oeltjen is a returning shortstop, Peterson is the first baseman, Fichter is an outfield and pitcher and McDonald is an outfielder.

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opener at the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire that was supposed to take place on April 1 has been post-poned until April 8. UW-Stout will have their home opener against the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on April 3 and will face Gustavus Adolphus at home on April 6.



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The UW-Stout sophomore Kristy Hoffman throws a pitch against Chaminade University in Hawaii on March 21.

Gymnastics has crowned a national champ



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UW-Stout sophomore Meghan Hargens performs a giant before her bar dismount.

by **Danielle Beck**
Staff Writer

This season the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's gymnastics team qualified five gymnasts to compete at the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Championships on March 28-29 at State University of New York-Cortland. The Blue Devils qualified five gymnasts

for the national championships. "This is the most to qualify from our university in at least seven years," said head coach Becky Beaulieu. Sophomore Meghan Hargens and senior Ashley Timm will participate in the all-around. Both are returning All-Americans and they were the top two all-around qualifiers for the West Region.

"They act and perform like seasoned competitors," said Beaulieu. Freshman Naomi DeLara qualified for the championships and was the top seed on the balance beam. Sophomores Morgan Trumble and Rachel Manz also qualified for the championships. Trumble qualified on the beam and Manz qualified for the uneven bars.

Beaulieu felt that Timm's strongest event was the beam; she had placed fifth in the nation in 2007. Beaulieu said, "Hargens will be tough to beat on the floor exercise and all-around."

UW-Stout advanced three gymnastics to the final round of the championships. DeLara was tied for third on the beam with a 9.65 going into the final round. Timm advanced to the final round with a 9.575 on the vault which is also now a school record, and in the floor exercise with a 9.65.

Timm finished 54th on the bars and 17th in the all-around. Hargens advanced to the finals on the beam with a 9.5 and placed 10th in the all-around. That finish earned her All-American honors and she broke her own previous school record in the all-around with a 37.65.

She also finished 34th on the vault, 17th on the uneven bars and 19th on the floor. "The

best part was seeing all the amazing gymnastics that was going on around me and also to watch my teammate win the national (balance) beam title," said Hargens.

Trumble finished 47th on the beam with an 8.95. "My goal going into the meet wasn't very challenging because I simply just wanted to have fun," said Trumble. "Going to nationals for the first time was an amazing accomplishment for myself and having a good time while competing was just the thing I wanted and needed. This is the meet we work for all year, so there is no pressure for once."

Manz finished 51st on the uneven bars with an 8.20. "[My goals were] to go out and have fun," said Manz. "I already made nationals; that was my goal going into the season."

The top ten finishers in the all-around at the end of the championships are considered All-Americans. Gymnasts who finished first-sixth are first-team All-Americans and seventh-12th are considered second-team. The 13th and 14th place finishers are considered honorable mention. "[The best part of competing in the national tournament is] the atmosphere," said Manz. "You get to cheer on girls you competed against all season."

In the final round of the championships DeLara lived up to her first seed and gained a national title on the balance beam scoring a 9.8. DeLara broke her previous record on the beam by a tenth of a point and is UW-Stout's first individual national champion. "She truly is a Division I athlete," said Beaulieu. Timm also received All-American second team honors; her second of her career at UW-Stout.

The Blue Devils finished fifth of eight at the Hamline University Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and NCGA West Regional championships on March 8. Timm led UW-Stout in the all-around. She placed fifth with a score of 36.850. Hargens finished right behind her in sixth with a score of 36.800. Hargens also finished third on the floor exercise with a 9.575 and seventh on the vault with a 9.425.

UW-Stout's top finishers in each event were Hargens (9.425) and Timm (9.35) who placed ninth on the vault. Manz and Hargens tied for ninth on the uneven bars with a 9.250. Timm finished 12th on the beam with a 9.2 and Trumble finished 19th with an 8.925. Hargens and Timm (9.325) who placed 12th were the top finishes on the floor exercise.



Naomi DeLara

This freshman from Kahului, Hawaii has not yet declared her major. In high school, DeLara was a three year national gymnast qualifier and was a level 10 vault champion in 2002. In her spare time, she

enjoys swimming, surfing, playing sports and watching movies.

On March 29, 2008 DeLara became UW-Stout's first women's gymnastics individual to become a national champion. When UW-Stout went into the national Collegiate Gymnastics Association Championship, DeLara was seeded No. 1 in the balance beam.

DeLara did not disappoint and lived up to her seeding as she won the balance beam title with a score of 9.80.



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Hockey team falls in NCAA quarterfinals

by Michael Broetzmann
Staff Writer

The snow is melting, the days are getting longer, and with that another season comes to an end for the Men's Hockey Team. Wrapping up their season with a chance to win the Peter's Cup and then capping it off with a bid into the Division III championship race, it is sure to go down in the books as a season remember for the Blue Devils.

We will start with a look at the last game in the chase for the NCHA Tournament Championship, which was played Saturday, March 8 at St. Norbert's. The University of Wisconsin-Stout came onto the ice hoping to take down the Green Knights, a team which they were unable to defeat in two prior games. St. Norbert took the lead early as they put two pucks into the net in the first.

UW-Stout promptly returned the favor with a goal late in the first, and put another two goals on the board in the third. St. Norbert's tied it up, sending the game into overtime for the second week in a row. In overtime, both teams fought long and hard for 17 minutes before St. Norbert's was able to slip one by Mike Stone for the victory.

Some thought that the loss put the fire out for UW-Stout's season, this was not the case though as UW-Stout received a spot in the chase for the Division III championship tournament. This marked the first time in school history to receive a bid into the tournament. UW-Stout hit the road just three days

after finding out the news to face off against the University of St. Thomas.

The atmosphere was tense at the St. Thomas Ice Arena, as both teams were hoping to advance in the chase of a national championship. UW-Stout opened the scoring in the first as Derek Hanson was able to slip one by and give UW-Stout the early lead. Little did they know it would be the last goal of the season, as the Tommies were able to put up four unanswered goals to end the game and silence the UW-Stout squad and to end the Blue Devils' season.

The team ended the season with an overall record of 18-9-3, and a conference record of 7-5-2. The season was highlighted by two firsts for the team, as they were able to reach the NCHA championship game as well as the Division III championship tournament.

UW-Stout's leading scorer was Derek Hanson, who ended the season with 22 goals and 20 assists for a total of 42 points. He was closely followed by the transfer sensation Joel Gaulrapp who had 18 goals and 18 assists for a total of 36 points for the year.

The team finished third in the conference after the regular season and was runner up in the championship match. Additionally, the final polls had UW-Stout ranked ninth in the nation.

In spite of the fact that UW-Stout's season is over, there is still one player who is keeping active and reaching for the stars. Senior goalie Mike Stone was given the opportunity of a lifetime.

Last week he was contacted and flown down to practice and suit up for the Texas Wildcatters of the East Coast Hockey League. The Wildcatters serve as an affiliate/feeder team to the Minnesota Wild. Mike practiced with the team for several days, and suited up for two games but was never put in. Mike commented on his experience in Texas by saying "The excitement of getting into the locker room, walking up to my stall and seeing my last name on the back of a professional jersey was crazy.

Then going out for warm ups and actually being part of the game, knowing that I

had actually made it (professionally) was pretty emotional. When you work every day towards a dream and actually get there it's just something words cannot describe." He also added, "UW-Stout has been a big reason I made it this far, and not only do I thank the team and coaching staff for being so supportive, but [also for] getting me this far along with my dream.

This is something that I couldn't have ever done without the support of not only these people, but the fans on this campus." Although the team is losing many veterans this year, things look promising for future years.

Take me out to the ball game

by Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

As the snow continues to melt, the baseball players are doing their version of spring training in the Multi-Purpose Room. The pitchers are working on their technique while the familiar "ping" sound of the ball making contact with the bat is heard in the cages.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout will look to improve on a satisfactory season from last year in which they went 23-19 with a 13-11 conference mark.

The team is relying upon senior leadership from the likes of infielders Mike White and Eric Paul and outfielders Erik Johnson and Tim Schneider; Johnson was last year's leader in home runs and RBIs.

With this current season well underway, the Blue Devils stand at a reasonable 7-8 and have just snapped a six game losing skid by beating conference foe University of Wisconsin-Platteville in the second game of a double header.

With 15 games under its belt, the team has shown some offensive firepower in several of its outings this year. It has scored over 10 runs in five different games, two of which the team scored 15 plus runs. This gives the followers of UW-Stout baseball some promise as the season wears on.

If the team can consistently score runs they have a good shot at winning each game it plays. To kick off a road trip in Phoenix, UW-Stout battled Macalester and almost every bat in the UW-Stout lineup came out swinging. There were dominating performances on both offen-

sive and defensive sides of the ball as Erik Johnson went 2-4 with four RBIs and a home run. The pitching star of the game was Matt Doornink, who fanned 11 batters and only allowed three hits in picking up the win. That win also saw UW-Stout coach Craig Walter to pick up his 100th victory as the Blue Devil skipper.

Another impressive offensive performance was also recorded by Johnson as he went 3-4 with six RBIs in game two with a victory over Augsburg where they dropped the first of a double header.

This two-game series was also played in Arizona and the next game against St. John's University gave some indication that the Blue Devils enjoyed the desert air.

The offense was able to explode again for another shellacking of the opponent as UW-Stout picked up the win with a 15-5 margin in the scoreboard. The bat of sophomore outfielder Brian Giebel was one of the many team highlights.

He was 2-5 with three RBIs. The Blue Devils grabbed control of the game early and never backed down as starter Josh Brandt dominated the Johnnies by allowing six hits over eight innings of work.

After going 3-4 on the Arizona road trip, the team prepared for conference play as a four-game series with UW-Platteville was next on the schedule.

The first three games of the series were all tough losses but the final game was a success as the losing streak was snapped with a 10-7 victory that saw freshman Bryan Chalekian pick up his first college win.

With a senior laden team that has a nice infusion of up and coming underclassmen, this year's Blue Devil team has the talent to compete with any team in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

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Blue Devil Softball

Record: 7-9

The Blue Devil softball team began its season on a hot streak when it won seven of its first eight games. The Blue Devils quickly fell out of the streak and into a slump as the team lost the last eight games straight. The softball team looks to improve its record this weekend against Gustavus Adolphus on Sunday, April 6.

Next game: (Home) against Gustavus Adolphus on Sunday, April 6 at 1 p.m.



Blue Devil Hockey

Record: 18-9-3

The Blue Devil hockey team accomplished a feat never seen by the team before as it made its first appearance in the NCAA Division III playoffs. Unfortunately, the Blue Devils were eliminated in the NCAA Quarterfinals by a powerful St. Thomas team, losing the game 4-1.

Next game: Season has concluded.



Blue Devil Baseball

Record: 7-8

The Blue Devil men's baseball team began the season strong in its Southwest trip, compiling six wins in its first 11 games. However, UW-Stout has been on a skid recently as it has lost six of its last seven games. Fortunately, its losing streak came to an end against UW-Platteville on Sunday, March 30 when the team won 10-7.

Next game: (Home) Against UW-Superior on Saturday April 5 at 12:00 p.m.

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- Participants Needed for Paid Psychology Research. Will be paid \$5 cash. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 2nd Floor McCalmont Hall

Saturday, April 5

- 22nd Annual Hmong Education Conference. Cost: non students \$12 admission, \$8 buffet, students are free. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Terrace, MSC

Monday, April 7

- Market Intelligence for Supply Professionals: ISM Satellite Seminar. Cost: ISM/ NAPM Members \$50, Non-members \$75, Full-time students \$10. Registration 8:45 a.m., Seminar Begins 9 a.m. Room 201, Millennium Hall

- “Early Earth Day Odyssey” Eco-friendly Car Show. 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

- Hmong Awareness Week: Kick Off Event. 6:30 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

- Sport Lead Climbing Class. Cost: free to members, \$5 non-members. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation Center

Tuesday, April 8

- Resume Writing Workshop. 2:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

- Hmong Awareness Week Event: Egg Roll Making 101. 7 p.m. Basement of CTKO

Wednesday, April 9

- Job Search Strategies Workshop. 2:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

- Hmong Awareness Week Event: The Future of Hmong Entertainment with guest speaker: Moua Lee. 7 p.m. Ballroom C, MSC

Thursday, April 10

- Interviewing Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

Friday, April 11 – Sunday, April 13

- Family Weekend

Saturday, April 12

- Blue Devil Run/ Walk. Cost: Pre-registration 5 K \$15 and 10 K \$20, Late registration 5 K \$20 and 10 K \$25. Day of registration begins at 8 a.m.

- Legacy Family Breakfast Reception. 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Ballroom A, MSC

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- Study Abroad and Study Away 101. 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cedar, Maple, and Oakwood Rooms, MSC

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- Study Abroad and Study Away 101. 11:15 to Noon. Cedar, Maple, and Oakwood Rooms, MSC

- Alpha Phi Barbeque. 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. South lawn of the MSC

- Free Washer Toss Tournament. Noon. South lawn of the MSC

- School of Education Information Booth. Noon to 3 p.m. Concourse Lounge, MSC

Sunday, April 13

- 41st Annual Car Show. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dunn County Recreation Park, Menomonie

Tuesday, April 15

- Kayak Roll Clinic for 2 days. Cost: \$20 student, \$30 community.

- Portfolio Information Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

- One World Awareness Event. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Wednesday, April 16

- How to Find a Co-op/ Internship Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

Entertainment

Friday, April 4

- Ken Waldman “Alaska’s Fiddlin’ Poet” music. Cost: \$14 adults, \$12 students/ seniors, \$6 children. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Saturday, April 5

- Monroe Crossing – music. Cost: \$18 adults, \$16 students/ seniors, \$6 children. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Wednesday, April 9

- ANON(YMOUS) Theatre Performance. Cost: \$10.50. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre

Thursday, April 10

- Hmong Awareness Week Event: Tou and Mai – movie. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

- ANON(YMOUS) Theatre Performance. Cost: \$10.50. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre

- Heiruspecs with The Blend – music. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Friday, April 11

- Hmong Awareness Week Event: Live music. 7 p.m. The Underground, MSC

- ANON(YMOUS) Theatre Performance. Cost: \$10.50. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre

Saturday, April 12

- UW-Stout Concert Band and Jazz Band Concert. Cost: \$5. 11 a.m. Great Hall, MSC,

- UW-Stout Choral Family Weekend Concert. Cost: \$5. 4 p.m. Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, 910 9th St., Menomonie

- ANON(YMOUS) Theatre Performance. Cost: \$10. 7:30 p.m. Harvey Hall Theatre

- Fashion Without Fabric. Cost: \$7. 8 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Sunday, April 13

- Dan Ahdoot – comedian. 8 p.m. The Terrace, MSC

Athletics

Thursday, April 3

- Softball vs. UW-River Falls. 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 5

- Men’s and Women’s Track @ UW-River Falls Falcon Invite, River Falls, WI. 10 a.m.

- Baseball vs. UW-Superior. Noon

Sunday, April 6

- Men’s Golf @ Loras Invite. 9 a.m.

- Women’s Golf @ Loras Invite. 10 a.m.

- Baseball vs. UW-Superior. Noon

- Softball vs. Gustavus Adolphus. 1 p.m.

Monday, April 7

- Men’s Golf @ Loras Invite. 9 a.m.

- Women’s Golf @ Loras Invite. 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 8

- Softball @ UW-Eau Claire, Carson Park, Hobbs Field. 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9

- Baseball vs. UW-La Crosse. 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

- Men’s and Women’s Track @ UW-Eau Claire Blugold Invite, Eau Claire, WI. 10 a.m.

- Softball @ Illinois Wesleyan Tourney, Bloomington, IL.

- Baseball @ UW-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI. Noon

Sunday, April 13

- Softball @ Illinois Wesleyan Tourney, Bloomington, IL.

- Tennis vs. UW-Stevens Point. 10:30 a.m.

- Baseball @ UW-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI. Noon

Tuesday, April 15

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1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$335	\$335	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
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1 1	803 Wilson Avenue #3	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Great efficiency w/ loft & balcony, includes util. & parking	8
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #9	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Large efficiency, includes WSG & heat, close to campus	A
1 1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$410	\$410	n/a	n/a	Efficiency includes WSG & parking, very close to campus	A
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2 1	115 West Main Street	\$370	\$185	\$490	\$245	New carpet throughout, close to campus and downtown	3
2 1	1203 14th Avenue East	\$375	\$188	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, gas heat, off-street parking	D
2 1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, lots of built-ins, washer/dryer, WSG incl.	4
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3 1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$480	\$160	\$565	\$188	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3 1	2215 1/2 5th Street	\$545	\$182	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3 1	119 West Main Street #3	\$550	\$183	\$700	\$233	Nice apt, good sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
3 1	220 12th Avenue West	\$550	\$183	\$750	\$250	Large duplex, W/D, excellent location, off-street parking	D
3 1	321 13th Avenue West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H
3 1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$695	\$232	n/a	n/a	Nice, 2-story apt, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
3 1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$850	\$283	n/a	n/a	Nice rooms & closets, utilities included, laundry in building	A
4 1	915 Main Street	\$600	\$150	\$800	\$200	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
4 1	1508 10th Street	\$620	\$155	\$820	\$205	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
4 1	921 Main Street #1	\$740	\$185	\$910	\$228	Fantastic apartment, large rooms, parking, good location	4
4 1	1216 6th Street	\$820	\$205	\$1,000	\$250	Good sized rooms, front porch, parking, across from campus	H
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #6	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4 1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4 2	1319 8th Street	\$825	\$206	\$1,025	\$256	Nice, good sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4 1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice sized rooms, washer/dryer	H
4 2	1515 6th Street	\$900	\$225	\$1,195	\$299	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	D
4 1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$800	\$200	\$1,025	\$256	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
5 1.5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, lots of parking	H
5 2	2006 5th Street #A	\$1,000	\$200	\$1,250	\$250	Nice, large house, good sized rooms, W/D off-street parking	3
5 2	1708 6th Street #A	\$1,325	\$265	\$1,525	\$305	Fabulous apartment, W/D, big rooms, parking, has everything!	D
6 2	1603 7th Street	\$1,000	\$167	n/a	n/a	Great house, gas fireplace, washer/dryer, corner lot	H
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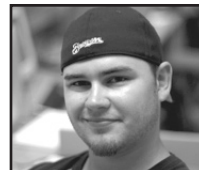
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Students remembered

A memorial to Scott Hams, April Englund, and Amanda Reif



Danielle Olson

Staff Writer

"A void exists in the lives of many and in the UW-Stout community," said Chancellor Sorenson of the University of Wisconsin-Stout early this week. "Scott, April and Amanda were part of the fabric of this university; they interacted with and touched the lives of so many, and now they are gone."

"Perhaps we can best sustain this by celebrating those lives, remembering them as they were and remembering what they brought to their family and friends, and to us," said Sorenson.

So join us in celebrating the life of three fine students after their passing in a tragic off-campus fire on April 4. We will forever hold you in our hearts.

Scott Hams

Scott Allen was born on September 25, 1984 in Spooner, WI, the son of Allen and Bonnie (Strabel) Hams. He graduated from Hayward High School in 2003 and was a senior in the business administration program. He would have graduated in May and was looking forward to an internship with Harley-Davidson.

Since a very early age, Scott loved building things and became quite proficient at fixing anything. He played hockey from kindergarten through eighth grade and enjoyed skate boarding, wakeboarding and snowboarding. He loved riding his new motorcycle and working on trucks, 4-wheelers and 6-wheelers. He was a member of the First Congregational Church in Hayward.

"I had Scott Hams in my Finance class and I was to be his mentor for a co-op that he had just received from Harley-Davidson. Scott was a nice young man who was very excited to be going to Harley and he was hoping the co-op would lead to a fulltime position. I was very confident that Scott was going to be an excellent employee and add value to the company. My prayers go out to the families of these students as this is a sad, sad time for our campus," says William Kryshak, Associate Professor of Business.

"Like everyone else, I was shocked and saddened to hear about the tragic deaths of April, Amanda and Scott. I didn't know April or Amanda, but Scott was currently a student in my Legal Environment of Business class. He had previously taken both Business Law I and Business Law II with me, so I had the opportunity to get to know him

well. Scott was an excellent student, and an exemplary person with a quiet personality, a wonderful sense of humor and a very bright future," says Paul Lokken, Associate Professor of Business.

His funeral service was held on Friday, April 11 at the Hayward Wesleyan Church with Rev. David Benson officiating.

April Englund

April Christina Englund was a 21 year old senior in retail merchandising and management. She was a wonderfully creative person who cared deeply about the people around her.

On the wall for a Facebook group to remember April, posts tell of the many lives she touched, saying "You'll never know how many people you touched."

"I had April Englund in two of my classes, since she was a Retail Merchandising and Management major, which is the department I teach. This is tragic and saddening that we've lost her. I've had the chance of getting to know her and it's just unbelievable that we'll never see her again. The impact on my students, and of course myself, is profound. Everyone in my class was sad Monday, and it was really just...silent. 'It's hard to believe April was sitting here yesterday,' I said Monday to my students. And if it's this hard for us, I can't imagine what it'd be like for her family," says Adel Mekraz, Assistant Professor of Business.

Her funeral was Thursday, April 10, in her hometown of West St. Paul, Minnesota at the First Baptist church.

Those wishing to provide a memorial may visit johnsonpeterson.com.

Amanda "Mandy" Reif

Amanda Jean "Mandy" Reif, 20, was a sophomore in the business administration program.

In a Facebook group to remember Amanda, her friends and classmates recall her as "always smiling" and remembered her great sense of humor.

"It took a little time to get to know April," Adel Mekraz said. "She never missed classes. She was a very pleasant student and very energetic. She always carried a smile on her face. She was a real pleasure to have in classes."

"When the classes met this week, there was a lot of silence," Mekraz said.

"I knew everyone was thinking of April," he said. "I could see it in their eyes and facial expressions. It is hard to believe

someone you had in class last Wednesday has passed away."

"The first day I met Mandy... we had speech class together and were suppose to find a partner," remembers Katherine Mary, a former UW-Stout student.

"I was wearing a tie dye shirt so she said 'I thought you'd be a cool partner' We became instant friends. She was an amazing person. She never complained about anything and was always wearing a smile.

She had a glorious sense of humor and was a friend who would never leave your side. Like it was said before, nothing in the world could have prepared me for this...I will forever miss her."

Her funeral was in her hometown of Chaska, Minnesota, on Wednesday, April 9 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church.

More about how Stout remembers Scott, April and Amanda on page 12 and 13.

All is Well
by Henry Scott-Holland.

Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
I am I, and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other, that we still are.
Call me by my old familiar name,
speak to me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference in your tone,
wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me and if you want to, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was,
let it be spoken without effect,
without the trace of a shadow on it.
Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was;
there is unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am waiting for you,
for an interval,
somewhere very near,
just around the corner.
All is well.



Earth Day

Amanda Katz
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout and the city of Menomonie, Wis. are recognizing Earth Day with a celebration on Saturday, April 19.

Earth Day is nationally recognized on April 22 and is intended to raise and inspire awareness for the earth's environment. It began on April 22, 1970 making this year its 38th anniversary.

There will be a celebration on the south lawn next to the Memorial Student Center, put on by GreenSense, UW-Stout's student environmental organization. GreenSense is devoted to making UW-Stout and the Menomonie community environmentally better.

GreenSense welcomes all UW-Stout students as well as the Menomonie community to join in the fun. "We expect to have all age ranges attend, making it a very diverse and exciting event," said GreenSense's president Mandy Mulder.

This is not a festivity to miss. There will be numerous interesting educational and artistic activities from 2-4 p.m., such as tie-dying, an energy efficiency activity, a planting station, "Beezy Bags" reusable canvas bags, hair wrapping, henna tattooing, open mic and more.

The party does not stop there; from 4-6 p.m. there will be live music from Little Willy, an environmentally inspired band, and food following the activities. Bringing your own dish is encouraged to share and veggie

burgers will be free!

April 21: "Eating as if the Planet Mattered: Sustainability and Organic Agriculture" by Will Fantle from the Cornucopia Institute; 7-8 p.m., Room 144, Price Commons.

April 22: "The Eleventh Hour" movie; 7 p.m., Room 210, Applied Arts.

April 24: Sustainable Dunn presentation: "What You Need to Know About Using LEED Principles for New Construction and Remodeling," Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at the Dunn County Judicial Center, 615 Stokke Parkway, Menomonie (Follow Hwy. 12-29 east and turn left onto Stokke Pkwy. It's the building on the left side).

April 28: Galloway Creek Cleanup; 5-7 p.m.; Meet next to Jarvis Hall (west side, near the MSC).

GreenSense is involved in many different projects and activities over the school year. They do an Adopt-a-Highway clean-up, Galloway Creek clean-up, recyclable art competition, film festival, environmental speakers and more.

There are currently more than 100 members involved in GreenSense and they are always encouraging people to join. "Students should join GreenSense because it's a great way to get involved with the environment, and you get to meet other students who are passionate," said Mulder.

For more information about GreenSense or Earth Week, visit <http://greensense.uwstout.edu> or contact Krista James 715-232-1557, jamesk@uwstout.edu.

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- Every year, each American throws out about 1200 lbs of organic garbage that can be composted.

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

On April 7, the Early Earth Day Odyssey was presented in the Memorial Student Center, at University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Hybrid guru Chris Schneider from Honda Motorwerks in La Crosse, Wisconsin, presented a compressed natural gas Honda Civic GX and a Columbia Mega neighborhood electric vehicle. UW-Stout received a six-month lease of the Civic and the Phill home refueling station from International Motorwerks.

After a 15 minute DVD presentation, Schneider opened the presentation for questions. "If the car recharges all night long, what happens if there is an emergency in the middle of the night, and you need to use the car?" was the concern of one student

from the audience.

"You can push a button and the refueling will stop, and you can then use the car," replied Schneider.

The Phill refueling station compresses natural gas that is already available in homes around the United States, but the system must be installed by a professional and comes with a heavy price tag. "Natural gas pumps are readily available in areas of the United States where air quality is low, like Southern California," stated Schneider.

"I can drive from La Crosse to Phoenix [with this fuel], but I have to stop in Indianapolis...that's the problem," said Schneider. He explains that more stations need to be installed in the Midwest, and that's why they are doing this program. "Hybrids still only take up 2.6 percent of the marketplace...even though the resale value of a hybrid is high enough to offset the original price."



Update

The numbers have been reported, the officials have poured over the rankings and the final results are now published for everyone to see. The 2008 winning schools include newcomers and long time participants. The main goal of this event is to increase student awareness of campus recycling and waste minimization.

There's plenty of glory to go around, as schools large and small across the country claim bragging rights on the state and local levels. Congratulations go out to all the schools that rallied their campus communities over ten weeks to reduce their waste and increase their recycle rates. In the end, RecycleMania helps all participating colleges and universities make achievements in recycling and waste reduction!

Stout's final standings

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RecycleMania is a friendly competition among college and university recycling programs in the United States that provides the campus community with a fun, proactive activity in waste reduction. Over a 10-week period, campuses compete in different contests to see which institution can collect the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita, or have the highest recycling rate.

In memory of Kara B. Gilbertson



Stoutonia staff

Kara B. Gilbertson had been attending the University of Wisconsin-Stout for the past two years for vocational rehabilitation when she died suddenly due to a massive brain aneurysm on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at Luther Hospital in Eau Claire.

Kara, age 42, of Menomonie, was employed at Dave's Golden Shears and Lakeside Lounge. She had a gift for making people laugh and smile. She chose vocational rehabilitation because of her love for people. Kara

was an avid reader and loved doting on her niece, Sydney. She also cherished time spent with her many friends.

"Kara always made a point of saying hello and we usually shared a few laughs that made a rough day not seem so bad," shares Crystal, a former UW-Stout student who used to frequent the Lakeside Lounge. "I used to teach in the area as well and one of my students came in with a new haircut one day (he was three). I asked him who cut his hair and he said, 'Kara'. Then I said 'Was she pretty nice?' He said, 'She gave me candy.' I mentioned this to Kara and sure enough it was her. We shared a laugh over it."

Kara gave in death, as she gave in life through organ and tissue donation.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Menomonie, with Pastor Roy Harrisville officiating. A funeral followed and reception followed at the Tamarack Lutheran Church near Arcadia.

The family suggests memorials to the undergraduate degree program in vocational rehabilitation for non-traditional students at UW-Stout. These can be made through the Stout Foundation office, (715) 232-1151.

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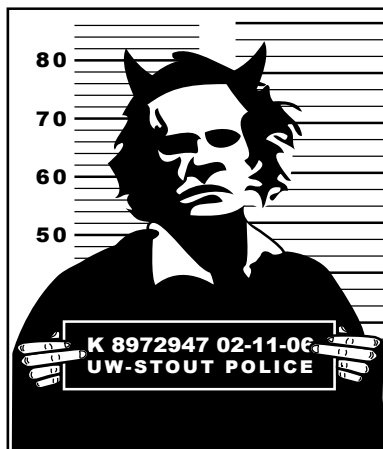
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- Disorderly Conduct – 2
- Operate Snowmobile on University Lands – 1
- Possession of Marijuana – 1
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 2
- Vandalism – 1
- Throwing Hand Objects on University Lands – 1
- Walking/Climbing on Roof – 2
- Theft – Value Under \$100 – 1
- Possession of False ID – 1

Don't you have anything better to do on a Sunday night than hang out the window?

Sunday April 6, 6:05 p.m.

A complaint was issued that windows were being shot out of cars driving on Main Street. The report of a man in a window above Jeff's Pizza was issued to Menomoneie Police Department and University of Wisconsin-Stout Police.

Both a UW-Stout officer and an MPD officer positioned themselves nearby in an attempt to locate the man.

A man wearing a yellow shirt was observed in a second-floor apartment leaning out of a window. However, no weapon was seen.

The Stout police officer communicated with an MPD officer that the man stepped back into his apartment. The MPD officer found the subject in the stairwell of the apartment building and took him into custody.

The complainant of the situation stated that her rear passenger window was shattered, assumedly from the man shooting from his window.

Das threat message

Tuesday, April 8, 1:10 p.m.

Custodians in the Memorial Student Center reported to Stout police that there was a suspicious message on their answering machine.

The message was about 20 seconds long and was suspected to be in German. A male voice left the message which was possibly pre-recorded or scripted. About three-quarters of the way through the message, the male voice said "April 11th" in English.

The message was unable to be retrieved due to a low battery and faulty memory capabilities of the answering machine. There was no other information to report.



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Religious organizations protest stopped short

Thursday April 10, 7:25 a.m.

A Kansas-based church staged an assembly outside of the MSC to protest the deaths of the three students who died in an off-campus fire earlier in the week. By 8 a.m., it was approximated that the crowd surrounding the protesters numbered almost 1,000, most of which were UW-Stout students.

Much of the UW-Stout police force, as well as officers from the MPD, were on the scene to maintain order.

Shortly after 8 a.m., the protesters told police that they were ready to end their protest. The four members of WBC were then escorted to their vehicle and told to exit the university area.

The student body slowly started to disperse, and the protest ended without any injuries or major challenges. One individual was arrested for stealing a protester's sign. The sign was returned to the protest group prior to their departure.

Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, I'm an idiot.

Friday April 11, 10:20 a.m.

A woman reported to UW-Stout police that she had unauthorized charges on two of her credit cards. The first incident was never

reported to police but the credit card company handled it and the complainant was not held responsible for the charges. The card was cancelled and the woman was given a new card with a different account number. Unauthorized charges were then made on the new card and the woman decided to then report the fraud to police. It is not known how many transactions were made or where they were made.

Jessie Spano would have whipped this guy into shape for sure

Sunday April 13, 7:45 p.m.

A disorderly male in the Vocational Rehabilitation building was reported to police after he made inappropriate comments towards a 17-year-old female client. The hall manager said that the male's demeanor turned violent after she confronted him about the comments.

The male was speaking to an evaluator in the lounge area of the building. He said that he called women "babes" because it was acceptable across the country, kind of like calling them "honey." The responding police officer started speaking with the male and he soon became upset.

It was decided that the male would leave the building and stay in a hotel instead of the residence hall. He returned his room key and was escorted from the building.



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Standing out at Stout

Maggie Meixl
Staff Writer

UW-Stout has announced the Outstanding Teaching and Service Award honorees. Students voted for their favorite instructors and service staff in each educational department.

"What makes this award really special is that it comes from the students. It's kind of humbling to know that a large enough group of students thought I was a good enough teacher to nominate me for it, especially as this is just the end of my third year, and I'm still getting it all figured out!" award recipient from the College of Arts and Sciences Matthew Livesey said.

Other professors receiving Outstanding Teaching Awards include Alan A. Block, School of Education; Urs Haltinner, School of Education; Maureen Mitton, College of Arts and Sciences; Peter Schlosser, College of Technology, Engineering and Management; Charlene Schmidt, College of Human Development; Gregory Slupe, College of Technology, Engineering and Management; and Molly Welch-Deal, College of Human Development.

"I enjoy the energy, optimism and overall spunk our students have as well as hearing things from their point of view," Mitton said.

Students and professors at UW-Stout share a common enthusiasm for their program of study, which allows classroom learning to be an enjoyable experience.

"I love to be engaged in the learning process. Ultimately it is about students, their curiosity, and passion. Being good at teaching is really a function of understanding that we are all teachers and students 24/7. The most fun I have teaching is when students are curious and willing to push the envelope a bit. I love it when my greatest challenge is keeping the lesson on track, it tells me that students are getting that learning sometimes has to be a bit messy with more questions than answers," Haltinner said.

Carol Johnson, School of Education will be honored with the Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award. Denise Goers, Advisement Center; Tim Mertz, University Recreation; and Debra Mosey, Advisement Center will all receive Outstanding Service Awards. The Art and Design Department Office will receive the Outstanding Service Office Award.

There are many wonderful instructors and service staff at UW-Stout. The Outstanding Awards are highlighting only a few of the many helpful staff members.

"There are a lot of wonderful movies that never win the Academy Award and there are many wonderful teachers who never receive this award," Block said.

The outstanding staff members will be honored by the Stout Student Association, along with Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen at a reception on April 18.

For more information on the Outstanding Awards or the reception, contact the Dean of Students Office at (715) 232-1181.

SSA results

The Stout Student Association held elections for open board member positions on April 10, 2008. Here is your first look at the new board members for the 2008-2009 school year.



Michael Lubke won the President position with 350 votes.



Rachel Bernstein won the Organizational Affairs Director position after Sam Rosen declined the position. Rosen received 312 votes, while Bernstein received 41 write-in votes.



Gao Vang won the Diversity Director position with 331 votes.



Misty Malott won the Legislative Affairs Director position with 329 votes.

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Interpreting organized religion to suit your needs

Chris Moellering
Staff Writer

I am not a religious man. I've never had much desire to be actively involved with a church. Maybe it's because I'm too cynical to have faith, or maybe it's because I like to think for myself. Maybe, just maybe, it's because I have never found the right religion.

Over the past few weeks, I have discovered three new religions that sound both fun and exciting. They're not your boring old sit in a pew and listen to an old wrinkly guy talk about peace, love, hope and decent living. No, these religions are as cutting edge as religions can be.

The first new religion I discovered was the Trinity United Church of Christ. You know, the one Barak Obama went to for 20 years. This church is different than most churches, in that it doesn't concern itself with praising Jesus as much as it does with cutting down America. They don't care

much for white people, especially white people with money and power. According to its pastor, the powerful white men in the government created and spread the AIDS virus to kill all black people. Not only that, but I guess we deserved the terrorist attacks on September 11. Now, this is a religion I can get behind. I get to sing and dance and spread anti-American sentiments. I don't even have to think about Jesus, just keep fighting the evil white man. How this helps me get closer to God, I'm not really sure, but it does sound like a heck of a good time doesn't it?

That church sounds like fun, but it has nothing on the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Talk about holy crap. In this church, you get to marry as many women as you want, most of them underage. What a pedophile heaven that is. Some members have dozens of wives and hundreds of children. "Sorry, Sally, we're fighting. I'm going to Joyce's for the night. I

better not catch you talking badly about me to our 14 daughters. Remember, they will soon be my wives too." I see the perks of having a dozen wives. There would always be someone to cook for you, someone to clean and if you get bored, you just grab a new one. How do you raise hundreds of children though? I see my friends struggle with the two they have. I guess as a male, it wouldn't be my job to raise the children, just make them. I could probably do that.

As much fun as polygamy sounds, the next religion wins the award for most fun religion. The Westboro Baptist Church is definitely where it's at. This church is perfect for those who have no soul, no conscience and love doing nothing more than spreading the hate. I never knew there was such a thing. I've been missing out. All this time, I could have been hating homosexuals, and didn't even know it. I could have been showing up at dead kids funerals with signs about how God hates them. I could have been protest-

ing at colleges where tragedies just struck. I could have been laughing at thousands of dead soldiers. What a good time that would have been. And just think, I would have been doing it all in the name of God. Why couldn't they have come to my door instead of those Jehovah Witnesses? I could have been a completely different person than the one I am today.

This is why it's so hard for me to have faith. There are just too many choices out there to pick from. How do you choose from three fine religions like that? And just think, there are many more of them out there. I hear that Scientology thing is pretty cool, but I don't know too much about it. We're all aliens or something. I don't know. Anyway, for now I think I'll just continue living my life with the Catholic/Methodist values my parents instilled in me when I was young, but with my eyes wide and ears open for something that makes more sense.

Letters to the Editor

The editorial staff of the Journal of Student Research was quite surprised to find a full-page story regarding the Journal in the most recent edition of the Stoutonia. We were saddened to see that the author, Chris Moellering, chose to address his concerns in such a public manner rather than e-mailing his questions to the current editorial staff as other students have done. The staff is happy to provide students with more information about their faculty reviews upon request, but because this takes a considerable amount of time, it is only done upon request of student authors.

Unfortunately, Mr. Moellering is mistaken in much of his information regarding the Journal's review process. We are disappointed that he did not contact Journal staff to check the accuracy of his statements prior to publication. The Journal's review process was developed to provide students with a "real life" experience, mirroring reviews of professional journals. When a student submits an article, the advisor is required to sign the submission form to verify they are aware of and approve the article for publication. The submission is then reviewed by the editor, and authors are allowed to make revisions based upon these suggestions. Suggestions range from correcting misspellings and grammatical errors to clarifying the requirements of American Psychological Association format; however, making these changes is left to the discretion of the authors. The revised submission is then sent to a faculty reviewer; however, all identifying information is removed prior to faculty review. Great care is taken to ensure the

faculty reviewer is not the student's advisor. The faculty reviewer assesses the article and then rates it in several different areas, including quality, APA format adherence, and conceptual and methodological rigor. After all submissions have been reviewed, the highest rated articles are selected for publication.

The Journal encourages all disciplines and departments to submit their work and requires APA format in order to maintain consistency among published articles. Last year's Journal contained several social sciences articles because a considerable portion of submissions were from social sciences disciplines. The Journal seeks to produce a publication that varies in scope and breadth, but we are limited in our ability to do this based on initial submissions to the Journal. Last year's Journal also contained submissions from applied science students, student artists, applied mathematics and computer science students, packaging students and even technical communications students in addition to social sciences students.

We regret that Mr. Moellering is disappointed with the non-selection of his manuscript and invite him to contact the editor for further information about his submission. He is welcome to make additional revisions and resubmit his work for future publication. We also invite him and any interested students to our annual Journal of Student Research: After Action Review Meeting scheduled for May 7 at 2:00 p.m. in room 140G of the Vocational Rehabilitation building. We would also like to take this opportunity to invite students interested in student research on campus to join the new Stout Research Club. The Stout Research Club will be an excel-

lent source of information and a resource to help students edit journal submissions. The club serves as a clearinghouse for research-related information, a place for students to discuss topics related to student research and a source of funding for various research presentations and events. For more information, please e-mail researchclub@uwstout.edu.

-Editorial Staff of the Journal of Student Research

I agree with Katie Kenner's response titled "God Doesn't Replace Good Drugs" (page 8, vol. 96, issue 12). It is tremendously irresponsible for the parents of Madeline Neumann to not take her to the hospital when she was obviously not well. However, sometimes there are more things to be considered than a simple lack of parenting skills.

It is unfortunate that we live in a country that nearly forces us to choose between our own, or other's personal well-being or bankruptcy. It must be hard for you to stop and consider the fact that it is possible that the Neumanns didn't have medical insurance. Although I assume they did, the cost of medical care for the uninsured within the USA has come to astronomical prices. Although it is sad, many people do not go to the emergency room simply because it is not in their price range.

And though you do make an understandable point arguing against statue 948.03(6); you still fail to see the other side of the situation. Would you be equally upset if the parents had taken her to the hospital

and she died from a botched surgery? I think not. Hopefully you feel just as strongly about cases of doctor error and medical malpractice as you do about a parent's right to provide their child with what they think is right.

I too am upset about an obviously preventable loss of a child, and in no way am I a good example of any religion. I do believe it is no one's right but the parent(s) to provide the care they see fitting for their child; no matter whose opinion of "good parenting" it fits under. Sometimes things aren't as black and white as they appear to be. Though I do see the logic in your slightly arguable case, perhaps you could stop being so closed-minded before passing judgment onto others, especially when all you know about said individuals is what the news told you.

-Justin Chamberlin
University of Wisconsin-Stout
student

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Opinion columns written by some people with street cred: your professors

Finding facebook: confessions of a reluctant fan

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Once upon a time, college life proceeded without any Internet social networks like Facebook. Although this time is not in the prehistoric age of human history but was as recent as the early years of the new millennium, this period is now shrouded in our minds with the sense of unreality that we associate with an era before telephones and air travel. Like any technological breakthrough, Facebook has attracted its fair share of avid detractors along with a dutiful fan following. And like many other technological advancements, opinions on Facebook seem to follow a predictable generational divide. Teachers and employers point to Facebook's immense capacity for the frittering of valuable time and the potential for the misuse of the medium for various modes of surveillance.

College students, not just in the United States, are enthralled by Facebook's infinite potential for establishing connections, forging friendships and perhaps even finding romance without investing a significant amount of money or energy. Whether it is the college-based network of Facebook, or the more open forum MySpace or Orkut, a network which is widely popular in India, it is rare to find a college student of today's generation with access to the Internet who is not a member of at least one of these networks, irrespective of the national affiliation of the person.

While Facebook certainly began as a network for college undergraduates, it has gradually morphed into a space that is frequented by others involved in the college community, namely graduate students pursuing advanced degrees and instructors who have stumbled onto the medium, propelled perhaps by curiosity and have then decided to stay. So, am I a card-carrying convert to the Facebook religion now that I have a profile and about fifty friends consisting of former and present students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, colleagues from UW-Stout, and former classmates from my graduate school?

I am still as appalled as I was initially at Facebook's power to surreptitiously infiltrate the classroom. Like Internet messaging, Facebook is the bane of an instructor's life, since it acts as a barrier between classroom instructions and the students' ability to listen to them. While it is true that every generation of

students has taken advantage of escape routes to lessen the tedium of dull lectures through activities like doodling or daydreaming, Facebook's capacity for sustaining distraction is more intense, as a student checking in momentarily to read any new notification may soon find herself browsing new photographs, commenting or tagging them, watching a new video post, taking a new compatibility quiz and thus becoming enmeshed in the labyrinthine maze of activities and information that are much more delectable than the dreary instructions on properly punctuating an MLA works cited list. The distraction can be so acute that the student may entirely miss the specific format being discussed and turn in her paper in APA or another obscure style, solely because she was absent from class, lingering in a Facebook destination, during the time of the discussion.

The above example is not a hypothetical one. However, even if I accept that all students today are super-efficient multitaskers, I still have not been able to come to terms with Facebook's immense capacity for surveillance. For students, surveillance possibly invokes two distinct fears: one of potential stalkers tracking their social interactions and or of potential employers checking out their profiles for traces of illegal activities, using such information to make hiring decisions. However, these fears can be effectively countered by setting options within Facebook, which prevent profiles from being seen by strangers and allow Facebook users to banish undesirables from their social universe, thereby preventing any stalking activities. But how can Facebook users counter covert modes of surveillance, like that of widgets which also contain spyware? In January 2007, a security vendor warned Facebook users that an application called Secret Crush which promised to reveal to users who had a secret crush on them, required installation in their PCs. When the secret crush application is installed, Zango software, which has been described by some vendors as spyware, gets installed in the users' computers without notification. In 2006, Zango agreed to pay \$3 million to the Federal Trade Commission for illegally installing software on computers without proper notification. This kind of surveillance is insidious and dangerous because we do not know how the information being gathered about us will be used.

facebook



illustration by Jessica Leafblad

Why then do I still continue to be attracted to Facebook, in spite of its pitfalls? I continue to be interested in the medium simply because of its promise of friendship not just the chance to make friends, but the means not to lose track of them if circumstances change. For a person like me who has been through many geographical migrations, the inevitable consequence of moving has been the attrition of friendships. While for many of my students, Facebook is an investment in their present and future social lives, my foray into Facebook represents a desire to reconnect with my past. I often wonder: if Facebook had existed in 1994, the year I left India, would I not be better connected to my friends from college than I am now? The desire for friendships does not fade with the passing of our college years. If anything, it intensifies as we grow older, even when work and families leave us with less time to invest in friendships. Facebook offers the possibility of reconnecting with people we have left behind in other places and times. Perhaps this is nostalgic on my part, this desire to access a past and a place which is no longer available to me. However, it is possibly the reason I do not set my profile to private setting. I want a Web surfer who happens to be a long lost friend to recognize me if she stumbles upon me in my new cyber incarnation. Although I know from the experience of reconnecting with some friends that these cyber reunions are often superficial and sporadic, and messages on each other's walls cannot reproduce the flavor of long and leisurely conversations in the rundown,

shabby Delhi University cafeteria, until I can make the 17 hour non-stop flight to Delhi again, this will have to suffice.

Finally, last week's demonstration against protestors on UW-Stout campus was organized with the help of Facebook. Clearly, the potential of this network to rally people for a cause is irrefutable. Facebook has the capacity to shed its narcissistic obsession with photos and compatibility quizzes and become a path towards fulfilling projects of social activism.

Stoutonia Online Tally

Do you
have a
facebook
account?



Yes



No

Stout speaks out

I just want to say that for the first time in my life, I am embarrassed to go to the University of Wisconsin-Stout, due to the actions at the protest last Thursday Morning.

Our SSA President, Michael Lubke, asked us to just ignore them, and what did 250-some idiots do? Give them exactly what they wanted: anger and hatred. This was not a silent protest, like some groups advertised, and this was not peaceful, nor honorable, nor classy. It was downright one of the worst organized protests I have ever seen: very tacky and ineffective. You held up signs saying "Fight Hate With Love" but you were actually fighting hate with HATE.

I briefly walked through the crowd Thursday morning (made mostly up of those who were skipping class) and heard country being blared from a freshman dorm's window, policemen, and even a person dressed in drag and hateful signs such as, "Westboro Blows Crap," "God Hates the WBC" and "Get Out of Stout."

Later, I visited a Facebook group about the protest, and there were videos up of people yelling lewd, hateful slurs at Westboro Baptist Church, and postings on the wall like, "We showed those CRAZIES. They left 15 minutes into their protest!" Was that the goal? I thought the goal was to be peaceful and silent and ignore them. I am so embarrassed and ashamed to be a part of the student body after these actions.

You did not prove anything, UW-Stout. You did not do it for the honor or respect of the families of April, Amanda, or Scott. You did it for yourself, your beliefs. There are some times when you need to speak out, and some times, where you need to hold your tongue and ignore it. This was one of these times. We did not show well on UW-Stout or ourselves by disobeying our administration's wishes, just because we don't agree with the WBC.

They know that they rile us up. They know they make us angry. They know we hate them. They know they are going to get press. (Even the press hates them!)

They know America hates them. You've just enabled them to do this to other schools, to decimate other funerals, to defile and show their ignorance through the tragedies of others. Don't get me wrong, I am angry. Very angry. But I understand that to get my point across, I just have to ignore them to show them that they aren't being heard, because they are not being heard. Sometimes silence is neither complacency nor acceptance, it's just showing them that they aren't doing anything and that no one is listening. Their actions are futile.

For my fellow students who attended the protest, I am very disappointed in you, even if you didn't scream or yell or cuss, you know better. Those of you who yelled and fought and got arrested for violent actions, you were in it for the wrong reasons. I guess people only have an opinion when it suits them. Sure, you attended one protest about what you believe, but have you ever stood up for what you believe elsewhere? Like the war, or animal testing, or whatever you strongly care about? If the number of people out there Thursday attended a campus anti-war protest, or even refusing to shop/eat at corporate establishments, that would be something to celebrate. Think of what we can do, UW-Stout, using passive protest. For my fellow students who consciously did not attend the protest, I am proud of you. You have the brains to know it's okay to say NO.

Some girl stopped that morning and asked me, "Hey, are those crazy people gone?" I replied, "Which ones?"

Jenna Wojan
University of Wisconsin-Stout Student

In the aftermath of the tragedy that took the lives of three University of Wisconsin-Stout students, we were privileged to witness the outpouring of care and concern that came from every sector of the university. In the days that followed the fire, countless staff members dropped everything to focus solely on the care of the student body. Many people took no rest or personal time so that they could focus on reaching out to the entire student body. The intense desire to be present and attend to students' needs seemed to affect nearly everyone, from the chancellor to the custodians. The dean of students, counseling center staff, residence hall directors, student workers and numerous others all put in 12 - 14 hour days (and many sleepless nights). Nearly the entire university mobilized for a vigil and memorial service. So many people gave their very selves to the service of the community, and in doing so changed the community, making it stronger and richer amidst its sorrow. We are proud to be part of a community that cares so deeply about its students.

The Ministry to UW-Stout Staff
Rev. Kurt Larson - Lutheran Campus Ministry Pastor
Christine Warloski - Director of Newman, Catholic Campus Ministry

I have never been so proud and ashamed to call myself an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin-Stout as I am today.

I couldn't be more proud of the student body for standing up for their fallen peers and refusing to let an extremist hate group ruin their memories by slandering their names. These three students were good people and tragically lost their lives in an unfortunate accident.

I couldn't be more ashamed of the student government when I found a message was sent to the student body telling them not to protest against what the students believe was wrong.

Given the times we live in, the student government should have been encouraging the students to protest in a peaceful manner and show their beliefs. I understand SSA did not want an out-of-control situation, but they went about it the wrong way.

This is a period in time when people should be standing up for their beliefs more than ever and not standing on the sidelines watching people impose their will and message without having the opposing view shown.

In this case, a peaceful counter-protest was needed and would have been effective to tell a group the students of UW-Stout do not like your views and will not stand to let you use three students who died as a catalyst to spread them.

SSA should have been more worried about protecting the views of the students of the UW-Stout campus. Instead, the preferred action to take was for the students to sit idle and let others impose their views.

My heart goes out to the families and friends of the fallen and my disgust goes to the Westboro Baptist Church and SSA. We need to learn the only way to change something is to stand for what is right and not to let those with corrupt views have the only voice.

Jamie Friederich
University of Wisconsin-Stout Alumni

Oh, Blue Devils. This is what democracy looks like. You've felt it, seen it and faced it. How alive did you feel standing up to something as inherently wrong as the pathetic picketers that had come onto our home ground? Chills and tears. I've never been more proud to call the students at University of Wisconsin-Stout my peers. Stand tall, UW-Stout. You've finally shown that we aren't the apathetic party school. We're informed, passionate and ready. Bring it on.

Kelly Morey
University of Wisconsin-Stout Student

In the wake of the horrific events that have happened the University of Wisconsin-Stout recently, I feel compelled to give kudos to those who told Westboro Baptist Church representatives that they were not welcome in your town. Being from Eau Claire, both the tragic loss of student lives and the subsequent picketing hit somewhat close to home; I'm very proud of UW-Stout students for telling the Westboro Baptist Church that their hateful, insensitive picketing will not be tolerated in their community, and I hope others can follow your example.

Tim Ripple
Community Member

UW Stout campus celebrates

Danielle Olson
Staff Writer

The Director of University Communications, Doug Mell recalls the events that happened the morning after the fire, April 5.

"By 8:30 Saturday morning, the Chancellor convened administration for the critical incident plan, which is a plan to handle critical incidents made up of departments such as counseling, health and safety and the dean's office, and was put into operation immediately...we then worked all day Saturday and Sunday."

"Our priorities were first for the families of the victims, to do everything possible to take care of those families. Secondly, we took care of the needs of our students, faculty and staff. We took this seriously and got out as much information then to the public as possible, such as taking over our website," said Mell.

Mell acknowledges that administration worked hard to get information out to the public. "Last Saturday, we had 10,000 more hits to Stout's website than the Saturday before. We were updating the website constantly for the public, and obviously people took advantage of this and found it valuable."

"The counseling plan was in place by noon on Saturday, with grief counseling in the Price Commons, and the victims' families had already been contacted."

In a campus e-mail Saturday morning, students, faculty and staff were informed of the deaths and encouraged to go to the grief counselors in the Price Commons who were there both Saturday and Sunday.

"We were in constant contact with the Menomonie Police and Fire Departments they were involved when we were planning



Submitted photo

A photo of the fire, taken by Amrit Kunwar on his cell phone the night of the blaze. Amrit lives in the back apartment unit of the building.

our response," said Mell.

John R. Baus, the Menomonie Fire Chief sat down in his office and took a long breath. "We haven't determined the cause of the fire yet. We do investigate every fire, regardless of the size," said Baus.

"Because of the significance, this investigation is much more in depth...so we requested assistance from the State investigator's office."

The cause of the fire has not yet been de-

termined yet, but Baus hopes the report will get back sometime this week.

"They wrapped up late Saturday evening and the investigator is putting his report together," said Baus. "There's a lot of information that he took back and has to sift through. We are hopeful to learn everything we can. With fires, often the evidence burns in the fire, but we can usually tell where the fire began by finding where the worst burning occurred."

Though they are investigating the fire thoroughly, we may never know exactly what started this fire."

The firefighters and neighbors had no knowledge if anyone was in the front unit of the building once they responded to the call.

"When we arrived, smoke was showing from the basement, first and second floors. A group of students from the rear of the duplex were outside, but some were still inside. We got the rear students out, while at the same time searched the front unit to search for victims and extinguish the fire."

"We found three students in the front unit during the search. We located the first person nine minutes after we arrived on the scene, and they were sent to the hospital two minutes later. We attempted resuscitation as soon as we got them out of the house." The victims were then sent to Red Cedar Medical Center where they were declared dead. "We are not sure of the cause of death yet, we are waiting on reports from the medical examiner."

Baus told of how UW-Stout and the fire station collaborate for fire safety on campus.

"In the fall, we work with the hall Resident Advisors for training with things like fire extinguishers and safety. We try to be proactive on campus."

On the evening of April 7, a candlelight vigil was held in the Grandview Terrace to commemorate those who lost their lives. Approximately 120 students, faculty, staff and community members came to sing "Amazing Grace," hug each other, cry and share a flame to light a small, white candle in their memory. The dean of students, Chancellor Sorenson and Stout Student Association President Mike Lubke all spoke at the event. "We are one big community," he said. He united all of UW-Stout's feelings when he concluded, "I don't really know what else to say..."

The campus was united a few days later when a group from Kansas, Westboro Baptist Church came to picket the deaths. This group protested the funerals of the five victims of the Northern Illinois University shootings last February, also.

A Facebook group warned students that the protest group would be coming to UW-Stout, stating "Stout Students need to unite ... together we are going to protest right back by ... peacefully sitting with signs outside the MSC."

Despite numerous e-mails asking students to ignore the protest, a thousand UW-Stout students gathered outside of the Memorial Student Center on April 10 well before the earliest class began. UW-Stout students held signs with Bible verses and pro-homosexual statements. WBC left a mere 15 minutes after they arrived, escorted by police.

Fire safety tips for students from the Menomonie Fire Chief:

- Try to not use candles
- Watch smoking materials and cigarettes
- Check smoke detectors and extinguishers often
- Be careful with yard grills
- Keep up on general housekeeping. Leaving clothes on heaters, bags on counters by appliances, cords, or hot pads can easily start a fire.

According to campusfiresafety.org, common factors for fire deaths in off campus housing are:

- Lack of automatic fire sprinklers
- Missing or disabled smoke alarms
- Careless disposal of smoking materials
- Alcohol consumption

the life of three students

Campus fire safety

In February of this year, Congress passed legislation that requires colleges and universities to report fire safety information, such as how many fires have occurred, the number of deaths and safety procedures to the residence halls. The College Opportunity and Affordability Act also requires that colleges report this information to students as well.

"I applaud the House for taking strong action today to address a hidden epidemic afflicting our nation's college campuses," stated Congressman Bill Pascrell who introduced another fire safety act earlier in his career.

The Stout Student Association is hosting a "Celebration of Life" on Thursday, April 17, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., in the Grandview Terrace of the Memorial Student Center. The families of the three students who died in the fire will be presented with the Memory Wall and notebooks. This will be an opportunity to gather and begin the healing process. There will be music and refreshments.



Submitted by HPCC

Students share their memories and condolences for family members of the victims of the April 5 fire. The memorial banners will be presented to the families during a ceremony on April 17.

Take a look at "Students band together to defend morality on page 14 for more on the protest.

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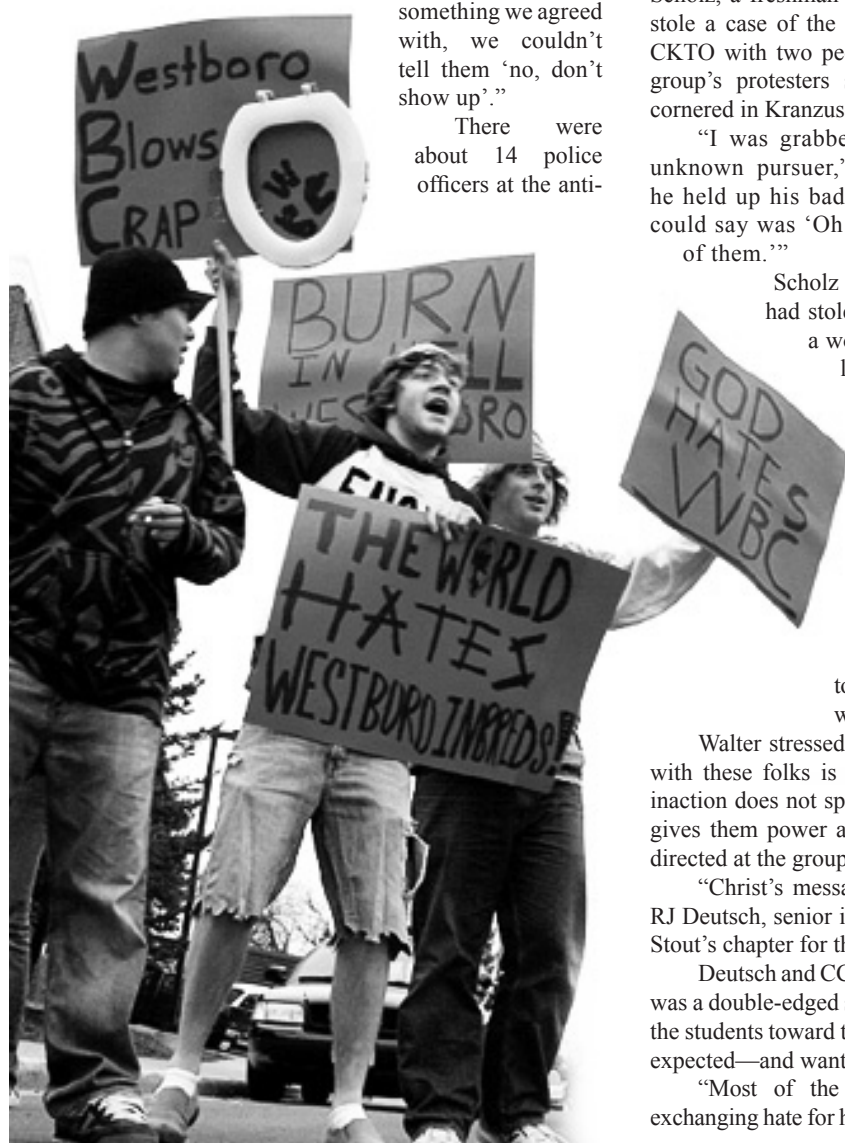
People like to think that college students are generally apathetic, misguided and lazy. On the morning of April 10, however, hundreds of University of Wisconsin-Stout students proved that stereotype wrong.

A religious organization known for protesting hate messages came to the UW-Stout campus early Thursday morning to spread hate and tarnish the memories of three peers. UW-Stout students would not stand for this intrusion, this smack-in-the-face in the midst of our mourning, and they rose up from ennui to defend their beliefs.

Within 12 hours of Doug Mell's statement to avoid this radical hate group, students rallied together via the social network Facebook to organize an anti-protest. Despite a warning from the SSA president and others not to attend the protest, whether peacefully or not, nearly 1,000 students ignored the advice and woke up early to show the world what this campus will and will not tolerate.

"We're a public university," said Lisa Walter, the chief of university police. "We feel very strongly about the first amendment (at this university) and even though (the hate group) wasn't something we agreed with, we couldn't tell them 'no, don't show up'."

There were about 14 police officers at the anti-



protest, with collaboration between the university police and the Menomonie Police Department to keep the public safe in this time of heated emotion.

"It could have gone a whole lot worse," said Walter.

In fact, there were no injuries and only one arrest. Dylan Scholz, a freshman in information technology management, stole a case of the hate group's signs and ran for cover in CKTO with two people chasing after him. One of the hate group's protesters stopped chasing him, but Scholz was cornered in Kranzusch hall.

"I was grabbed and slammed into the wall by the unknown pursuer," said Scholz. "I looked at him and he held up his badge. It was an undercover cop, so all I could say was 'Oh you're a cop! I thought you were one of them.'"

Scholz said that later he realized that the case he had stolen also contained the American flag that a woman of the hate group was stomping on later. "It made me really wish I wore a pair of running shoes instead of skating shoes," he said. For his short-lived attempt, Scholz was charged with disorderly conduct and theft, \$130 and \$280 fines, respectively.

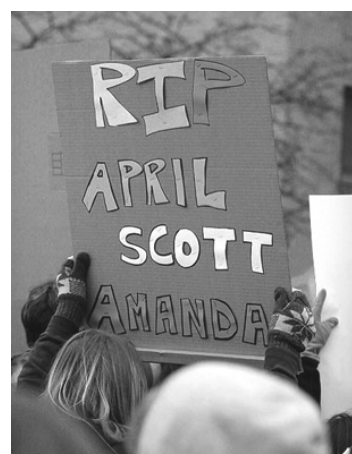
Walter and the university police understood that students felt passionate about the situation. "I've been here for 14 years and I've never been prouder of the students. I think it sent a great message to the family members of the three students who died in the fire."

Walter stressed that one of the best things to do to deal with these folks is to not give them the time of day. This inaction does not spread the group's message, which is what gives them power and spreads the idea of hate, even if it's directed at the group.

"Christ's message is of hope, not condemnation," said RJ Deutsch, senior in industrial design and president of UW-Stout's chapter for the Campus Crusade for Christ.

Deutsch and CCC believe that the student-led anti-protest was a double-edged sword, as the anger and expressed by the students toward the group was exactly what the hate group expected—and wanted.

"Most of the Stout students reacted to this group exchanging hate for hate, which may have seemed successful to



Photos Contributed By Garrett Master

many...the only way to combat evil is with good, the only way to come against hate is with love, and the only way to destroy a lie is to speak the truth."

The hate group's presence on campus stirred up a lot of negative emotion, especially since the group not only attacks humanity but specifically three of our own.

Professor Susan Wolfgram, co-chair of the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Inclusivity Committee, says that the committee is "very proud of our student nonviolent but activist response to hate speech." Wolfgram compared the students' anti-protest last Thursday to the protests in Milwaukee about the Vietnam War, on a smaller scale.

"LGBT people are one of the last groups in society where many people seem to think it is still OK to discriminate against," said Wolfgram.

"Our student voice was a strong 'NO! Not in our house.' In this contemporary society, students are often thought of as complacent and not caring about social issues. [The protest] is evidence that this is not true. Students need to be given the opportunity to take a stand as our students did."

Walters encourages students to show support to the families of Scott Hams, April Englund and Amanda Rief by attending SSA's Celebration of Life, which will be Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand View Terrace. Parents of students lost in the fire will be there.

"It will be a tremendous show of respect if we can get the same amount of people that showed up to the protest to come to the Celebration of Life," said Walter. "It's been a tough time for everybody; I'm proud of the students and this institution."



Boston boys love Menomonie energy

Nathaniel Fellows

Staff Writer

Once again, a band put on another amazing show at The Waterfront. The Ryan Montbleau Band played at The Waterfront on the night of Monday, April 14 and it was one of the best shows so far this year.

The Ryan Montbleau Band is used to playing for crowds of 2000-plus, so it was a very special treat to be able to see them in such a small and intimate setting. The band hit the stage around 10:30 p.m. and didn't stop until almost 2 a.m., except for a short intermission allowing the fans to catch their breath, refresh their drinks, and mingle with the members of the band.

The band played most of its own songs, yet mixed in a couple that even a nerdy professor might recognize, including a rocking version of "Working at the Car Wash" that set the place into a frenzy at the end of the first set. No matter what the song however, the Ryan Montbleau Band put its own unique vibe into every single one it played regardless if you knew it or not, making it feel as though you were hearing it for the first time.

The Ryan Montbleau Band is from Boston, Mass. and it has a sound that is pretty unique, even for the highly varied genre. They play folk/rock/Americana/soul/R&B/blues with vocals reminiscent of Rob Thomas, Dave Matthews and Stevie Wonder all mashed into one voice. Montbleau, winner of the 2007 Boston Music Award Best Male Vocalist and second place winner of the 2007 International Songwriter's Competition, as well as third place in the People's Choice Awards, is one of those rare musicians that can appeal to almost any crowd despite of age, background or musical preference.



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The Waterfront has been bringing in some pretty big-name acts lately and has proven itself as an outstanding venue in the area, with recent acts like the Ryan Montbleau Band from Boston, Mass.

Ryan Montbleau sings purely from his soul in a voice that is unique and original just like the stories that he tells in his songs. He is not just a singer; he is a true artist and musical genius. Every song tells a story that most anyone can relate to. His finger picking style of playing guitar is reminiscent of Leo Kottke and Ani DiFranco, which mixes perfectly with his extremely talented backup band.

At a late night Scrabble party after the show, band members spoke about how much fun they had playing at The Waterfront and about how they were excited to come back to visit and play for us again.

Although it is a small venue for many of the national and big name acts that have been rolling through Menomonie, Wis., lately, bands love playing there, often referring to the overall friendliness of The Waterfront employees and patrons alike, saying that it is rare to get that sort

of welcoming even in major theaters elsewhere across the nation. Montbleau said that he will write and present a song about Menomonie and late night Scrabble the next time that they play at The Waterfront.

The band is used to selling about 2,000 tickets for every show on the East Coast and they are starting to pick up the same momentum all over the country. Playing several major shows this upcoming summer, from High Sierra Music Festival in California to Gathering of the Vibes Festival in upstate New York, Montbleau is sure to gain the attention of thousands of new fans and is sure to win each of their hearts.

We were very fortunate to have the Ryan Montbleau Band come to Menomonie because they will soon be playing for crowds that exceed Menomonie's population.

The Wire Top

Upcoming Music - Movies - Games

Events

Fri, April 18th - 20th '08:

- Operation Adaptation w/ Chinese FingerTrap/Fat Maw Rooney @ the Concord House 4pm
- Menomonie Music Marathon @ The Underground 6pm FREE

Sun, April 20th '08:

- Pert Near Sandstone @ Waterfront 10pm \$3

Mon, April 21st '08:

- The Great Porn Debate with Ron Jeremy and Pastor Craig Gross @ The Great Hall 7:30pm \$3

Tues April 22nd '08:

- The 11th Hour (PG) 7pm APPA 210 FREE
- Great American Taxi @ Waterfront 10pm \$5

Thurs, April 24th '08:

- Irie Sol w/ The Limns @ Underground 8pm FREE
- 40 Watt Bulb @ Waterfront 10pm FREE

Fri, April 25th '08:

- The Darjeeling Limited (R) @ APPA 210 7pm FREE

Sat, April 26th '08:

- Charlie Parr @ Waterfront 10:30pm FREE

Springtime is for Dancing!

Nathaniel Fellows

Staff Writer

On Friday, April 18, and Saturday, April 19, at 7 p.m. the Dance Ensemble will be conducting its spring dance recital at the Menomonie High School.

The dance ensemble consists of almost 100 participants right now and they all bring something different to the recital. There will be 21 dances that range from tap, hip-hop, jazz and swing club.

The dance ensemble started last fall and was introduced by Nik Bryant, to give University of Wisconsin-Stout students that are interested in dance as an art

form a chance to express themselves, pool their talents, create dance performances and sponsor activities that enhance the availability of dance for UW-Stout students.

According to Kristin Paris, public relations on the executive board, anyone can try out for the dance ensemble and, "Everyone who tries out gets in. Honestly, you don't even have to have any dance experience." Members practice once a week for one hour so they can learn the structure of dance.

The dance ensemble is not funded by UW-Stout; therefore, it costs each dancer \$30 to participate. The money that each

dancer pays includes a DVD of the current semester's recital and the previous semesters recital, a cast party after the recital and a T-shirt.

In order to raise money for the dance ensemble, members conduct fundraising events. Every semester they have a hotdog and brat fundraiser on the streets of Menomonie, Wis.

Tickets for the recital this semester are \$3 for students in advance, \$4 for students at the door and \$5 for the public.

For more information contact danceensemble@uwstout.edu.



Evan Theurer/Stoutonia

GTA IV: lock 'n' load

Brian Muller
Staff Writer

Back in the early days of the Playstation 2, there came about a revolutionary new type of game called "Grand Theft Auto III." It wasn't the first to feature the exciting new sandbox-type genre, but it sure put it on the map. Both critics and regular players alike loved how they were thrown into a pseudo-city with the ability to do almost whatever they wanted: stealing cars, shooting up pedestrians or even taking a prostitute to the park were all viable options in this alternate reality.

Since then, many games have tried to copy this success, like "Spiderman 2" or "The Getaway." However, none have really made the game a truly better experience, except of course for other "Grand Theft Auto" games like "Vice City" and "San Andreas."

And now, the "Grand Theft Auto" series is getting a true sequel in "Grand Theft Auto IV" for the Playstation 3 and Xbox 360. Originally slated to release on the series' traditional release date in October, "Grand Theft Auto IV" was delayed until April 29 to keep the quality as high as it's expected.

As a numerical sequel, the player will now revisit Liberty City, although it will be a

re-imagined version to account for the brand new, next-generation game engine. Also, instead of the general American convict, a foreign immigrant will be the face of the player. Niko Bellic, a former resident of Eastern Europe, is that person. Having just arrived and realizing that he isn't living the life he dreamed of when coming to Liberty City, Niko works with his cousin, Roman, to make a name for himself. As is usual in these games, Niko will harass, kill and steal to get what he wants.

Unlike other "Grand Theft Auto" games, there's a greater focus on using Niko's phone. For example, trying to steal a police car is as easy as calling 911 and having the cops come to Niko. The clever player can see other applications for this method. Additionally, Niko can use his cell phone to build relations with all his friends. This goes beyond just a social reward, as having the right people on Niko's good side will provide him with weapons or vehicles when he needs them most. Other changes to the classic formula include a newly designed wanted system, where the police will search in a radius from where Niko was last spotted. The more wanted he is, the larger the radius.

Niko's task is to be unseen and escape this radius. To help with getting away, or in



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There are high expectations for the next installation of "Grand Theft Auto," which will be released later this month.

general fighting, the targeting system has also been redesigned. This new system is optimized to let Niko aim freely or lock onto a specific target's body parts.

Set to release on April 29, "Grand Theft Auto IV" will probably again set the bar for what sandbox games are supposed to do. While the standard version retails at

\$59.99 on both the Playstation 3 and Xbox 360, there is also a special edition available for \$89.99. This themed edition contains the game, an art book, the soundtrack, a keychain and even a duffel bag all contained within a specially designed safety security box. It may be overkill for some, but there is a lot of value in that special edition.

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Memorial get-together Sunday, April 20th

First and foremost, since it was difficult for me to get thank-you cards out to everyone due to lack of addresses, I would like to thank all the teachers and students that showed their care and concern over this past year. It has been a very difficult year to get through, but it was very comforting to know that Derrick meant so much to so many people. The CD's, certificates, etc. that were sent from the teachers will forever be precious to me.

Since all of you have been so important to me in my healing process and since lives progress and everyone will be moving on, we hope you will be able to join my family and I for a time of "remembering" Derrick on this one-year anniversary. We will be gathering at The Waterfront from 1-3:00 p.m. where they have agreed to open just for us. They will open the grill and bar for anyone wanting to eat or drink. (Anyone that has pictures of Derrick is encouraged to bring them and put them in his scrapbook and everyone will be encouraged to write in his book.) At about 3:00 p.m. we will be heading out to the scene of the accident where everyone attending will be given a helium balloon and paper to write Derrick a note. Once everyone is ready, we will be releasing the balloons together. For further information, please give me a call at (715)570-2460. We look forward to seeing you.

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Food Columnist

A meal is more than just a bunch of food eaten at one time. It is more than plates and drinks, pots and pans. A true meal is an opportunity for relationships to form, and the stresses of life to be put on hold while the soul and appetite are nourished. The concept of eating together is one that many experienced throughout childhood and perhaps through some of the teenaged years.

As college students, many have a family that lives hours away, a schedule that barely allows eating at all and a budget that encourages the cheap and processed rather than the fresh and wholesome. Together, these characteristics combine to create a very understandable trend of meal habits.

This isn't how it has to be, however. Any meal can be an opportunity to eat slower (which often leads to eating better), a chance get to know those around you better and the chance to enjoy some quality time relaxing and savoring food.

Perhaps the idea of eating with the people who share your living space and breathing air dampens an appetite like a moldy piece of cheese. Perhaps the idea of attempting to share conversation over a 35 cent package of Ramen noodles seems absolutely crazy.

For those already considering turning the page and running away from all notions of "meal togetherness," consider this: eating together doesn't have to include talking; it doesn't even have to include a meal.

The movie world is filled with flicks about food, and the great news is you can understand them without even having to know how to boil water. Should you fall into the category of those who cannot boil said water, they are also a great way to buff up on kitchen knowledge so that the next time you opt for dinner and a movie, you can create a meal all your own.

American Adobo (2001, Philippines/USA)

A story of five Filipino American friends living in New York City, conflicted with their life choices and destinies, as they party away - sharing laughs, secrets, recipes and romance. A uniquely American story about what it means to be an immigrant in a land where it seems everyone is searching for an identity.

Babette's Feast (Babettes gæstebud) (1987, Denmark)

On the desolate coast of Denmark, two elderly, religious women take in a young woman to be their housekeeper and cook, not knowing she is a superb French chef. When the chef, Babette, wins a large sum of money, she decides to spend it all creating a magnificent meal for the simple villagers. This movie is in Danish and French, with English subtitles

Big Night (1978)

The story of two brothers whose Italian restaurant is on the brink of bankruptcy. Their only chance for success is to risk everything they own on an extravagant feast for bandleader Louis Prima. But their big night is complicated by a lovers' triangle, a sneaky restaurant rival and the hilarious perfectionism of chef Primo.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005)

Charlie and five others draw golden tickets from Wonka chocolate bars and win a guided tour of the legendary candy factory that no outsider has seen in 15 years. Dazzled by one amazing sight after another, Charlie is drawn into Wonka's fantastic world. Based on the novel by Roald Dahl.

Delicatessen (1991, France)

In this futuristic comedy set in a starving, post-apocalyptic France, a butcher keeps his customers supplied by his cannibalistic tendencies. But when his daughter falls in love with a circus performer, only an underground band of vegetarian freedom fighters can save her beloved from the meat cleaver.

Diner (1982)

Set in 1959, a group of long-time buddies since high school gather in a local diner to share their escapades and make sense of their lives. As one by one they drift off to join the mainstream of life they still cling to their shared boyhood dreams.

Eat Drink Man Woman (Yinshi nan nu) (1994, Taiwan/USA)

The main character, Chef Chu, is one of Taiwan's most respected chefs. While food has brought him status in the outside world, it fails to gain him the respect of his three grown daughters. Each Sunday he prepares an elaborate dinner, only to watch his daughters pick dispiritedly at the food. Food is used to demonstrate the main themes of the film.

Food of the Gods (1976)

A mysterious substance is oozing from the ground. A farmer sees that it acts as a growth hormone and thinks his fortune is made. But when rats, chickens, worms and wasps begin sampling the potent substance, they morph into bloodthirsty giants. Morgan and his friends are on a hunting trip when they are attacked by a swarm of giant wasps, and as they try to escape they discover that the entire island is crawling with oversized animals. Based on the horror novel by H.G. Wells.

Fried Green Tomatoes (1991)

A chance encounter in a nursing home leads to an unexpected friendship between a dowdy housewife and a spry octogenarian who tells her the story of a fiercely independent woman half a century ago, inspiring the housewife to change her life, often with hilarious results.

"A story told in flashback about lasting female friendship and the specifically unusual food the main characters serve while running a café together. A slice of southern culture, with plenty of heartbreak and cultural oddities, that revolves around the preparation, serving and consumption of food." (Gastronomica: Food in Film)

Kitchen Confidential (2005, TV)

Contains all episodes of the television series in which a New York City chef, who is also a novelist, recounts his experiences in the restaurant business, and exposes abuses of power, sexual promiscuity, drug use and other secrets of life behind kitchen doors.

301/302 (1995, South Korea)

"Two women are neighbors in an apartment building: one is an obsessive professional cook (in room 301), the other an anorexic writer (room 302). A young policeman is investigating the disappearance of the woman from room 302. Through flashbacks, we learn the nature of the two women's relationship: the cook tries to cure her neighbor by preparing fabulous meals for her every night - only to have them left untouched." (Screen Cuisine)

Tortilla Soup (2001)

A heartwarming comedy that's all about food, family and a certain kind of magic that only happens at the dinner table. Martin is the culinary genius behind a successful restaurant and the widowed father of three daughters whom he has a compulsion to try and steer in the right direction. Hungry for their independence, the girls find themselves at odds with their traditionalist father.

Waiting (2005)

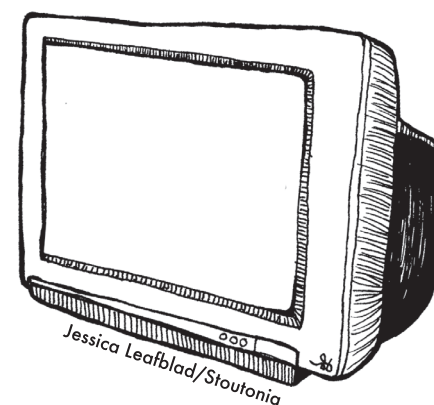
Learn why you should never send your food back and other valuable lessons in this over-the-top comedy set in the food service industry. Over the course of an evening at the restaurant Shenanigan's, characters Dean and Monty confront obnoxious customers while dealing with a wildly eccentric chef, a control-freak manager and a kitchen full of crazed cooks, prep workers and dishwashers.

Ratatouille (2007)

In this animated feature, a rat named Remy dreams of becoming a great chef despite his family's wishes and the obvious problem of being a rat in a decidedly rodent-phobic profession. When fate places Remy in Paris, he finds himself ideally situated beneath a restaurant made famous by his culinary hero.

Soul Food (1997)

Sunday dinner at Mother Joe's is a mouth-watering, 40-year tradition. As seen through the eyes of her grandson Ahmad, love and laughs are always on the menu, despite the usual rivalries simmering between his mom Maxine and her sisters Teri and Bird. But when serious bickering starts to tear the family apart, the good times suddenly stop. Now it's up to Ahmad to get everyone back together and teach them the true meaning of soul food.



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4	2	1319 8th Street	\$750	\$188	\$950	\$238	Nice, good sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1	1216 6th Street	\$800	\$200	\$980	\$245	Good sized rooms, front porch, parking, across from campus	H
4	1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$800	\$200	\$1,025	\$256	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
4	2	1515 6th Street	\$800	\$200	\$1,095	\$274	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	H
4	1.5	414 14th Avenue #8	\$820	\$205	\$970	\$243	Nice, spacious apt, washer/dryer, A/C, off-street parking	8
4	1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice sized rooms, washer/dryer	H
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Women's track and field off to a solid start

by Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's track team had six first place finishes at the University of Wisconsin- River Falls Falcon Invitation on April 5.

Finishing first was freshman Terri Race in the 400 meter dash with 61.50, senior Jasmine Patzner in the 400 meter hurdles with a 68.92, junior Rachel Richardson in the 3000 meter steeplechase with a 12:21.80, sophomore Ashlea Peter in the triple jump after jumping 37 feet 10.75 inches, freshman Annie Guthrie in the high jump with four feet 11 inches, and junior Pam Sellberg in the pole vault with a height of 11 feet 5.75 inches.

Sophomore Sam Mayer also hit the qualifying mark for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III in the discus after throwing 144 feet to place third. Sophomore Staci Paul finished second in the pole vault with a height of 10 feet even. Sophomore Kayla Verdegan finished second in the 5000 meter run with a time of 20:39.97. There were no team scores recorded at this meet.

The Blue Devils had a fourth place finish at the Washington University Invitational on March 29 with 81 team points. Thanks to her performance and the Washington Invite, Sellberg was given the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference athlete of the week honors after she broke the school record on the pole vault.

Sellberg came just under the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III automatic qualifying mark in the first outdoor meet of the season to clear 12 feet five and a half inches. The previous record had been set in 2005.

Senior Abbey Ring won the 3000-meter steeplechase with a time of 11 minutes, 58.45 seconds at the Washington Invite. Mayer finished third in the hammer throw with 132 feet 7 inches. Freshman Anne Guthrie placed third in the high jump, jumping four feet, nine and three quarter inches. Patzner finished third in the 400-hurdles with a time of 1:08.16. Finishing third in the long jump was Peter who jumped 17 feet and one half inch. As a team the Blue Devils finished fourth of 16.

Race finished fourth in the 400 meter run with a time of 1:02.03. Freshman Katie Scheiderman finished fifth in the 10,000 meter run with a time of 44:15.46 and junior Karla Kultgen finished in sixth with a time of 45:47.46. Patzner finished fourth in the 100-m hurdles with a time of 15.35. UW-Stout finished eighth in the 4x100 relay with a time of 53.47. Sophomore Marisa Bettin finished fifth in the triple jump. She jumped 30 feet three inches.

Freshman Jenifer Church finished sixth in the pole vault with nine feet and one quarter inch. Right behind her was sophomore Staci Paul who also vaulted nine feet and

one quarter inch. Mayer finished fourth in the shot put throwing 38 feet 6.75 inches. Freshman Skye Goode finished sixth in the discus with 109 feet three inches. Rounding out UW-Stout's top finishers was junior Christa Leesman who placed sixth in the javelin with 98 feet.

The Blue Devils qualified three for the NCAA Indoor Championships on March 14-15 in Ada, Ohio. Sellberg qualified in the pole vault. Mayer qualified in the high jump and Peter in the triple jump. Going into the championships Mayer was seeded sixth, Peter was seeded seventh and Sellberg was seeded third.

Mayer finished the championships with a 12th place finish in the high jump after she jumped five feet 3.25 inches. Peter placed fifth in the triple jump when she jumped 37 feet 4 inches. Sellberg placed 11th after jumping 11 feet one quarter inch.

At the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point last chance qualifier on March 8, UW-Stout sent four to compete. Mayer won the high jump, clearing five feet 5.25 inches. Earning a second place finish after clearing 11 feet 3.75 inches was Sellberg. Sophomore Katie Wold placed fourth in the mile with a time of 6:04.37. Patzner finished sixth in the 55-hurdles with a time of 8.95 seconds.

The Karl Schlender Last Chance meet at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on March 7 gave Peter a second place finish in the triple jump with 36 feet 5.5 inches. Patzner finished sixth in the 55-hurdles with a time of 9.05 seconds.

UW-Stout finished eight of nine at the WIAC Championships on March 1 finishing only in front of the University of Wisconsin-Superior. The team finished with 35.33 team points. Patzner finished fourth in the 55m hurdles with a time of 8.7 seconds. Peter finished fourth in the triple jump after jumping 36 feet, 2.75 inches. Guthrie finished in a three-way tie for eighth in the high jump after jumping four feet 9.75 inches. Mayer won the high jump title after jumping five feet 5.75 inches.

Other top finishers for UW-Stout were Patzner in the 200-meter dash placing 20th with a time of 27.37. Race placed 14th in the 400 with a time of 1:03.07. In the 3000-meter run, Ring placed 18th with a time of 11:00.18. Ring also finished tenth in the 5000 meter run with a time of 19:04.56. In the 4x200 meter relay, UW-Stout finished eighth with a time of 1:40.42.

The Blue Devils finished last in the 4x400 relay with a time of 4:12.63. The team finished seventh in the distance medley relay with a time of 13:17.39. Sellberg won the pole vault after vaulting 12 feet six inches. Peter finished eighth in the long jump. She jumped 16 feet ten inches. Mayer finished 11th in the shot put after throwing 39 feet three inches. Mayer also

finished 14th in the weight throw, throwing 46 feet 2.75 inches.

After her performance at the Pointer Invitational on February 23, Sellberg was honored as the WIAC field athlete of the week. She set a school record at the invite when she won the event after vaulting 11 feet, 10.5 inches. Mayer finished second in the high jump with a height of five feet, three inches. Ring was third in the 3000 meter run with a time of 10:59.25. Peter also finished third in the long jump with a distance of 16 feet, 9.25 inches. As a team, UW-Stout finished sixth of 11.

Other top finishers for the Blue Devils included junior Oriana Zens who finished 14th in the 200 with a time of 28.19 and ninth in the 400 with a time of 1:03.46. Freshman Angie Raasch finished 17 in the mile run with a time of 5:44.01.

Freshman Marie Gordon placed 11th in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:31.52. Patzner finished seventh in the 55-hurdles with a time of 8.92 seconds. UW-Stout placed fifth in the 4x400 relay with a time of 4:24.19.

Guthrie placed ninth in the high jump with a height of four feet, nine inches. Paul finished seventh in the pole vault with a height of nine feet, eight inches. Bettin finished tenth in the long jump with a distance of 14 feet, one inch.

Junior Erin Berg finished sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 33 feet, 2.5 inches. Bettin placed ninth after jumping 30 feet, 11 inches. Junior Lindsay Jaskowiak

placed tenth with a distance of 29 feet, 6.75 inches. Mayer placed ninth in the shot put after throwing 38 feet, 11.75 inches and placed seventh in the weight throw with a distance of 47 feet, 1.75 inches.

UW-Stout finished second of four on Feb. 9 at the Wisconsin/Minnesota Border Battle at home. Peter placed first in the triple jump with a distance of 36 feet, nine inches. Mayer finished second in the high jump with a height of five feet, one inch and placed third in the shot-put with a distance of 38 feet, nine inches and the weight throw with a distance of 44 feet, 10.25 inches.

Sellberg placed second in the pole vault with a height of ten feet, 10.25 inches. Junior Jackie Bruchas was third in the long jump with a distance of 15 feet, nine inches.

Patzner placed second in the 55-hurdles with a time of 8.78 seconds. Ring placed third in the 3000-meter run with a time of 11:16.69. Freshman Kayla Verdegan finished third in the 5000-meter run with a time of 19:58.66. Freshman Emily Stenzel finished third in the 600-meter run with a time of 1:42.23 and Race finished third in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:01.83.

This season's team is made up of six seniors, ten juniors, 11 sophomores and ten freshmen.

The University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire on April 12 at the Blugold Invitational was cancelled. The team will travel to La Crosse for the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Phil Esten Challenge on April 18 and to Des Moines, Iowa on April 24-26.



Sean Larson

This junior from Ellsworth, Wis. is a studio art major. In his spare time he enjoys snowboarding, lifting weights and throwing. As a freshman, Larson placed seventh at the WIAC championships in the discus. In his sophomore year, Larson placed

sixth at the WIAC Championships in the weight throw with a throw of 54-8.25, and was also selected as team sophomore class MVP.

On Saturday, April 5, Larson broke the UW-Stout hammer throw record and reached an NCAA Division III provisional qualifying marks in two events at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Falcon Invite. Larson finished second in the hammer throw when he threw the hammer 176-feet, 8-inches to break the previous school record of 174 feet, 7 inches set in 1998.



Women's softball continues to struggle for a win



Contributed photo by Layne Pitt

The UW-Stout softball team faced less than desirable conditions against Gustavus Adolphus. Heavy rain caused officials to postpone the game until a later date.

by Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils women's softball team has extended their eight game losing streak to 14 games after losing a double header to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Pointers on Apr. 15 2-10 in five innings and 2-3 in seven innings.

In the opening game Steven's Point took the lead after three innings when they scored five runs. The Pointers held this 5-0 lead until the fifth inning when the Blue Devils scored two runs in the top of the inning. Senior Beth Lloyd scored a run on a bases loaded walk. The second run was scored by junior Nelly Peterson on a fielder's choice. In the bottom of the fifth inning Steven's Point closed out the game after scoring five runs.

In the second game of the series Stout pulled ahead with an early lead scoring a

run in the second inning. An infield hit by freshman Kaitlin Helgaas scored senior Savannah Oeltjen.

In the bottom of the fourth inning Steven's Point got on the board and in the fifth inning took the lead after the Pointers scored a two-run homerun. After the fifth inning neither team had a runner past second base.

The Blue Devils lost a double header to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire on Apr. 9 with scores of 0-8, and 2-10. Both games were lost in six

innings. The first game was scoreless until the fourth inning when the Bluegolds scored four runs. Then in both the fifth and sixth innings Eau Claire added two runs shutting out the Blue Devils.

In the second game the Bluegolds had a five run third inning after scoring off a two-run double and a two-run home run. In the fourth inning the Blue Devils finally got on board when Lloyd reached on an error and then was brought home off a two-run homerun by junior Katie Fichter. UW-Eau Claire put the game away in the sixth inning after scoring off a two-run single and a three-run home run.

The game that was scheduled on Apr. 6 against Gustavus Adolphus has been postponed to Apr. 21 or 22 after two complete innings. After two innings UW-Stout was leading 3-0. In the first inning the Blue Devils took a 1-0 lead. In the second inning of the game the

Blue Devils added onto their lead, extending it to 3-0 after a two-run homerun by Fichter. Then the rain came steadily until the grounds became unplayable. The game will be finished and a second game will be played.

In the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opener, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Falcons shut out the Blue Devils in both games on Apr. 5. River Falls pitcher Ashley Bertrand pitched a no-hitter against the Blue Devils.

She walked Peterson twice to be the only base runner of the game. The Falcons scored a single run in the first inning and then added three runs in the third inning. River Falls finished the game with ten hits.

The Falcons opened game with two runs in the first inning. In the fifth inning River Falls added another two runs to win 4-0. River Falls had six hit in that game. Lloyd added into two of the Blue Devils four hits of the game, including a double. Oeltjen had a bunt and freshman Chelsey Nelson had a single to left field for the four hits of the day for the Blue Devils.

The Blue Devils will play Luther College on Apr. 17 at home. The team will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Apr. 19 and to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Apr. 20 before returning home to finish a series with Gustavus Adolphus.

Gymnastics has a season of broken records

by Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

This season for the University of Wisconsin-Stout gymnastics team was a season of record breaking.

This season, the team was led by sophomore captains Megan Trumble, Meghan Hargens and Rachel Manz. The team consisted of eight freshmen, five sophomores and two seniors.

The team set new school records in four of the five competitive events. Senior Ashley Timm set a new record on the vault with a score of 9.65. Hargens set the record on the uneven bars with a 9.350. Freshman Naomi DeLara set the record on the balance beam with a 9.8, which won her the Blue Devils' first individual National Collegiate Gymnastics Association title. Hargens also set the record on the all-around with a 37.65. DeLara holds the second place record for the floor exercise with a 9.725.

This season the team also broke the record for the highest team score in a single meet. The team set the record at the duel meet against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Jan. 18. Although the team lost the meet, it was still eventful.

UW-Stout sent five gymnasts to the national meet this season. "This is the most to qualify from our university in seven years," said head coach Becky Beaulieu. The team sent Trumble, Hargens, Manz, DeLara and Timm to the national championships. DeLara qualified and was seeded first on the balance beam going into the national championships. Beaulieu said, "She truly is a Division I athlete." Trumble competed on the balance beam, Manz competed in the uneven bars, and Hargens and Timm both competed in the all-around.

"The best part about competing in a National Championship was that I was a specialist for beam and got to compete with the rest of the specialists," said Trumble. "This meant that the

girls I had competed against all year became my teammates at this meet. The new girls I met allowed me to experience a camaraderie I haven't had before." All the girls that competed in the national championships feel they accomplished their goals. They went into the championships wanting to have fun. "My goal going into the meet wasn't very challenging because I simply wanted to have fun.

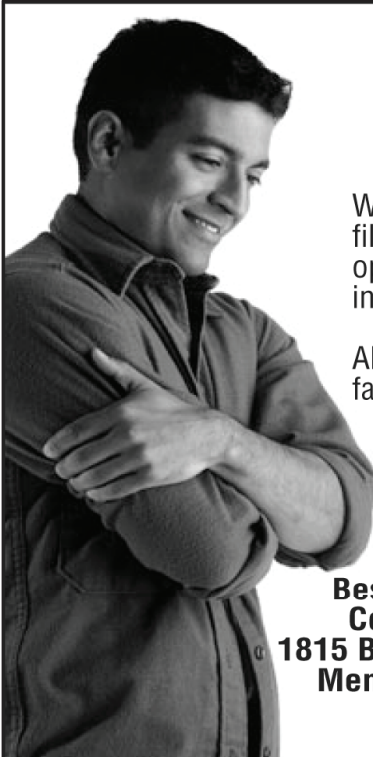
Going to Nationals for the first time was an amazing accomplishment for me, and having a good time while competing was just the thing I wanted and needed," said Trumble. "This is the meet we work for all year, so there is no pressure for once."

The team finished fifth in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference-West Regional tournament. Hargens and Timm were the top two finishers in the all-around at the tournament. Beaulieu said, "[Manz] had the performance of her lifetime at the WIAC tournament. She earned a 9.25 on the uneven bars which was a [personal record] for her in the event."

The Blue Devils also had three gymnasts earn All-American honors. Timm and Hargens earned second-team All-American honors and DeLara earned first-team All-American honors. Hargens said, "[The best part of competing at nationals] was seeing all the great gymnastics going on around me and watching my teammate win a national title." This is Hargens second consecutive season earning All-American honors.

Timm was a four-time NCGA championship qualifier and earned All-American honors twice. This season Timm and Hargens both earned WIAC gymnast of the week honors. Timm received her honors the week of Jan. 29 and Hargens received hers the week of Feb. 26. "[Timm and Hargens] act and perform like seasoned competitors," said Beaulieu.

The team will return with 13 members next season. Trumble said, "Without [the coaches], I wouldn't be the gymnast I am today."



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Conference play is officially underway

Blue Devils are battling WIAC foes while suffering its second six game losing streak

by Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

Now that the miserable weather of April has decided to lift, the University of Wisconsin-Stout baseball team can now fully enjoy its season.

After shuffling around from venue to venue in order to accommodate the snow on the ground, the Blue Devils were excited to have their home opener against the University of Wisconsin-Superior. Seeing as they haven't played at their home field since last season, the first game was a little rusty as they dropped it 4-2.

Looking for redemption in the second game of the double-header, the Blue Devils got just that with a 5-3 victory in which UW-Stout was able to capitalize on throwing errors by the Yellow Jackets in order to seal the victory.

The next day was a whole lot of familiar faces as the Blue Devils and Yellow Jackets once again battled it out in a double-header that saw the same results as the day before,



The UW-Stout men's baseball team poses for a camera before playing Lawrence University in a doubleheader on April 15. The Blue Devils ended the day with two more wins under its belt, putting the baseball team at a record of 11-16.

When suffering through a six-game conference losing streak, there seems to be only one remedy; a non-conference double-header against a cellar team. Playing against the 2-7 Lawrence Vikings, the UW-Stout Blue Devils got back on the winning track with a sweep of the afternoon double-header 8-1 and 8-5. In a windy afternoon, the Blue Devils were able to get on base fast due to several costly fielding errors by the Vikings.

In the first game, pitcher Steve Soukop pitched five innings while allowing only one run. He was helped on the offensive side with five doubles that helped rack up the eight runs that provided to be the margin of victory. In the second game, an 8-5 victory, Eric Johnson took advantage of the wind to crank three doubles to help wear down the Viking pitching staff.

With an 11-16 record the Blue Devils will continue their conference schedule by facing Oshkosh and the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point for the first time later on this season. If they are able to string together a few small winning streaks they should be able to garner enough momentum come playoff time.



A UW-Stout men's baseball player readies himself for an approaching pitch.

a one and one split. During the second game in which the Blue Devils won, pitcher Matt Doornink got out of a bases-loaded jam with aid from his freshman infield. That type of promising play gives the fans of Blue Devil baseball something to look forward to.

With the season fully rolling, the conference foes keep on coming. UW-Stout hosted another conference double-header, this time against the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. While getting shellacked 16-2 in the first game, the Blue Devils were encouraged to show the Eagles that they weren't just going to lie down and roll over in game two.

Going run for run in the first four innings of the game, UW-Stout was able to grab an 8-6 lead in the bottom of the 6th until the big bats of UW-La Crosse sealed the victory with five runs scored over the

final three innings to take the sweep.

As the gloomy weather of early April continued to present itself, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and UW-Stout decided to move their game to the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome for an odd 1 a.m. game in the deserted Twins venue. While the Warhawks didn't seem to mind the new surroundings, the Blue Devils had a tough time getting anything going as they got

swept for their second doubleheader in a row losing 9-7 and 6-0.

The highlights for the Blue Devils came in the first game when Tim Schneider and Brandon O'Connell showed some mega-hustle by hitting back-to-back RBI triples.

Four hundred miles later the Warhawks and Blue Devils continued their four-game series at Pracha Field in Whitewater, for a slugfest of the ages.

During the second game, both teams had double-digit run innings and UW-Whitewater pulled off the rally by scoring 14 runs in the fourth. UW-Stout was able to tie the game again at 17 all before three runs in the final two innings of play by the Warhawks was enough to get the victory before the game was called for "excessive darkness." The first game was also a close one with UW-Stout losing 7-9.

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Blue Devil SCOREBOARD



Blue Devil Softball

Record: 7-15

The women's softball team has been in a slump this last month as it has lost its last 14 games in a row. The softball team did show some promise against Gustavus Adolphus on April 6, but the game was halted and pushed back until the 21 or 22 of April. The Blue Devils look to improve their losing record when they play against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh this weekend.

Next game: (Away) against UW-Oshkosh on Saturday, April 19 at 2 p.m.



Men's Golf

The Blue Devil men's golf team started its spring season by taking seventh overall out of a possible 22 in the Loras College Duhawk Invite on Sunday, April 6 and Monday, April 7. UW-Stout's Paul Speltz finished the two day tournament with a total of 155 for a three-way tie for 14th place.

Next invite: Against Gustavus Adolphus on Monday April 22 and Tuesday April 22.



Blue Devil Baseball

Record: 11-16

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's baseball team broke its six game losing streak this week when it played against Lawrence University on Tuesday, April 15. The Blue Devils were able to take both games in the double header, winning the first game 8-1 and the second 8-5. The Blue Devils now travel to Oshkosh, Wis. this weekend to take on the Titans.

Next game: (Away) against UW-Oshkosh on Saturday, April 19 at noon.

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- Support Group for Sexual Assault Survivors. 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Oakwood Room, MSC

- Resume Writing Workshop. 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

- Celebration of Life. 6:30 p.m. Terrace, MSC

- 10th Annual UW-Stout Strength Competition. 6:30 p.m. Health and Fitness Center

- Gravity Never Sleeps – Outdoor Rockclimbing Anchoring Systems Class. Cost: \$45 student/ \$75 community. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

- Texas Hold em' Tournament. 2 p.m. Huff's, MSC

Tuesday, April 22

- Stout Apparel Sale. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outside between MSC and Jarvis

- EDGE Program: Budget/ Internal Audit. 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Room 205, Millennium Hall

- Interviewing Workshop. 1:30 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

Wednesday, April 23

- Job Search Strategies Workshop. 3:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. Room 103, Administration Building

Friday, April 25

- 13th Annual Golf Scramble. Cost: \$10 students and members of MGCC, \$15 faculty and staff. 3 p.m. Menomonie Golf & Country Club, Menomonie

Entertainment

Thursday, April 17

- Open Mic. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Friday, April 18

- Josiah Smith Band – music. 7 p.m. Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, Menomonie

- UW-Stout Dance Ensemble's spring recital "Rock Your Body." Cost: \$3 in advance, \$4 at door. 7 p.m. Menomonie High School Auditorium

- Menomonie Theater Guild presents "Alone Together." Cost: \$13 adults, \$12 students/

seniors. 7:30 p.m. Mable Tainter Theater, Menomonie

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Sunday, April 20

- Menomonie Theater Guild presents "Alone Together." Cost: \$13 adults, \$12 students/ seniors. 2 p.m. Mable Tainter Theater, Menomonie

- Storyteller Daniel Dexter. 7 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Monday, April 21

- The Great Porn Debate. Cost: \$3 with Stout ID, \$5 and \$8 for general public. 7:30 p.m. The Great Hall, MSC

Tuesday, April 22

- The 11th Hour – movie. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

- The Tiptons – music. Cost: \$16 adults, \$14 students/ seniors. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Thursday, April 24

- Menomonie Theater Guild presents "Alone Together." Cost: \$13 adults, \$12 students/ seniors. 7:30 p.m. Mable Tainter Theater, Menomonie

- Irie Sol with The Limns – music. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Friday, April 25

- The Darjeeling Limited – movie. 7 p.m. Room 210, Applied Arts

- Menomonie Theater Guild presents "Alone Together." Cost: \$13 adults, \$12 students/ seniors. 7:30 p.m. Mable Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Saturday, April 26

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Sunday, April 27

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Wednesday, April 30

- 2008 Wisconsin Public Radio Listeners Dinner featuring Michael Feldman. Cost: \$20 must be reserved by April 23. 5 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Athletics

Thursday, April 17

- Men's Golf hosts Border Battle at Whitetail Golf Club, Colfax. 10 a.m.

- Softball vs. Luther College. 3 p.m.

Friday, April 18

- Men's and Women's Track at Phil Esten Challenge, La Crosse, WI. 2:30 p.m..

Saturday, April 19

- Baseball at UW-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI. noon

- Softball at UW-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI. 2 p.m

- Women's' Golf at Viterbo Invite, La Crosse, WI

Sunday, April 20

- Softball at UW-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI. noon

- Baseball at UW-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI. noon

- Women's Golf at Viterbo Invite, La Crosse, WI

Monday, April 21

- Men's Golf at Gustavus Adolphus Invite

- Softball vs Gustavus Adolphus, (tentative)

Tuesday, April 22

- Men's Golf at Gustavus Adolphus Invite

Wednesday, April 23

- Baseball vs. UW-La Crosse, 1 p.m.

- Softball vs. UW-Superior, 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 24

- Men's and Women's Track at Drake Relays, Des Moines, IA

Friday, April 25

- Men's and Women's Track at Drake Relays, Des Moines, IA

- Men's and Women's Track at Kip Janvrin Open, Indianola, IA. 2 p.m.

- Men's Golf at Augsburg Invite

Saturday, April 26

- Men's and Women's Track at Drake Relays, Des Moines, IA

- Baseball vs. Stevens Point. Noon

- Softball vs. UW-La Crosse. 2 p.m.

- Men's and Women's Track at UW-Oshkosh Titan Invite, Oshkosh, WI. 3 p.m.

- Women's Golf at UW-Eau Claire Invite, Wild Ridge CC

Sunday, April 27

- Softball vs. UW-Platteville. noon

- Baseball vs. Stevens Point. noon

- Women's Golf at UW-Eau Claire Invite, Wild Ridge CC

Tuesday, April 29

- Baseball at St. Thomas (1-9), St. Paul, MN. 3 p.m.

- Softball at Hamline University, St. Paul, MN. 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30

- Baseball vs. Northland College (2-7). 1 p.m.



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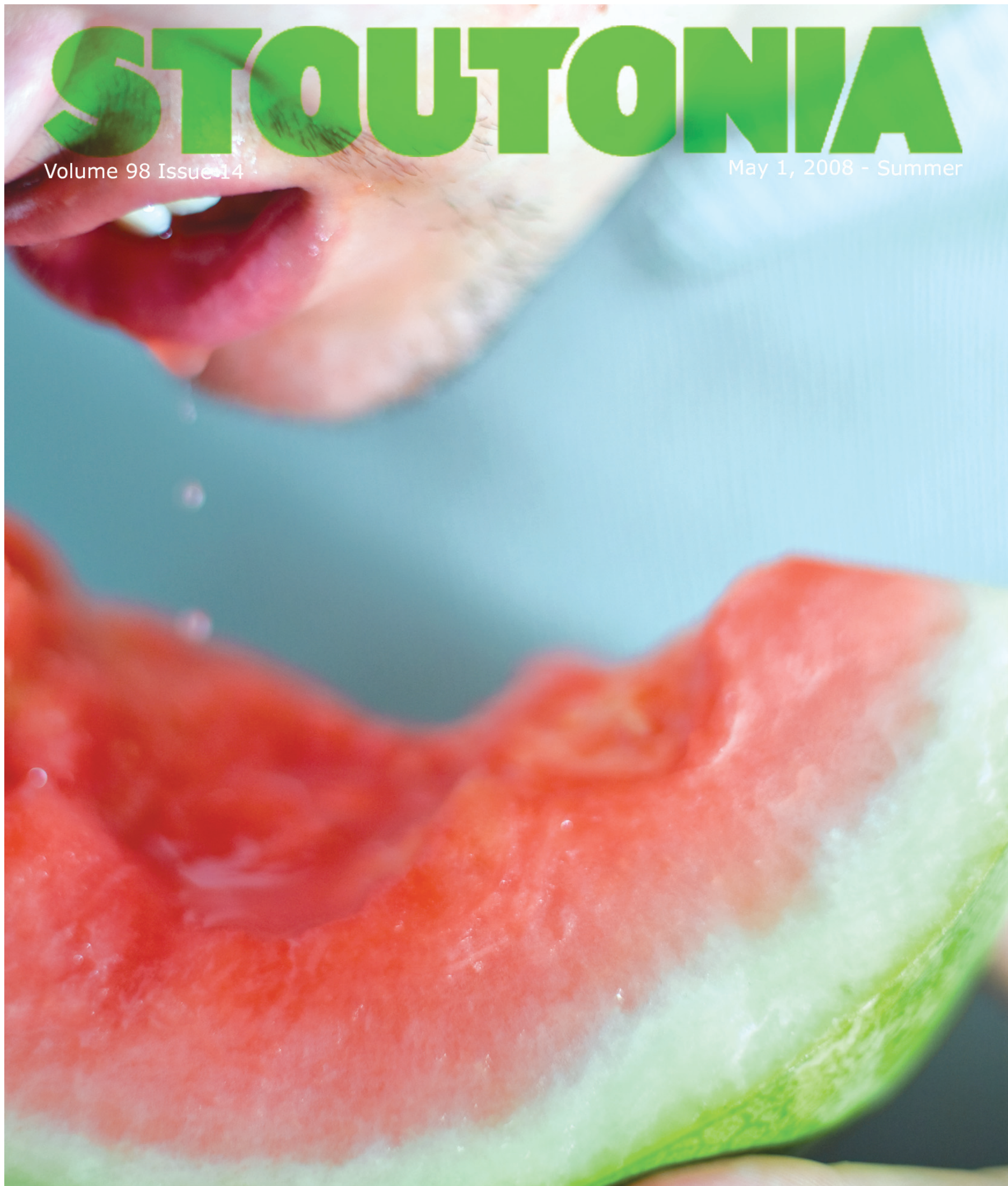
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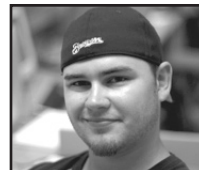
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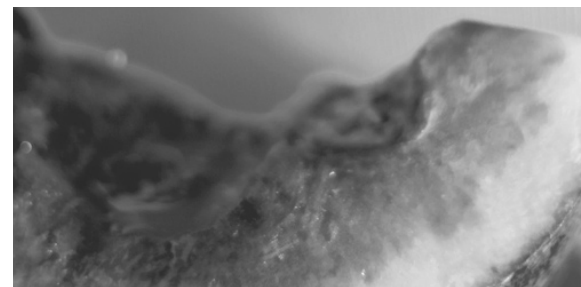
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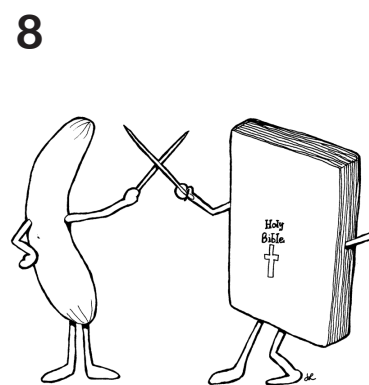
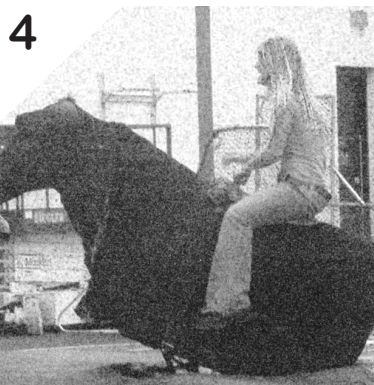
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Student designs suit for speed skater

Maggie Meixl
Staff Writer

Industrial Design student Ryan Muraro debuted his designs to the world via ice. Muraro, a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, designed a long-track skinsuit for British speed skater Philip Brojaka that has been worn in World Cup events.

Luck played a big part in his first "real" design job. Muraro's sister is Brojaka's girlfriend. She referred him as a designer when Brojaka put up a World Cup qualifying time, which snagged a sponsorship with Kia and the need of a new suit.

Muraro was given free reign creatively over the project and came up with a unique design. Brojaka wanted something completely original, so Muraro designed the first suit without looking at other skinsuits as references. He learned certain constraints as he went, which included areas on the suit that color changes or graphics weren't allowed.

"I wanted to convey a simple motion through the suit, because long track skating is all about efficient, fluid motion," Muraro said.

E-mail was key for Muraro to commu-

nicate with agents and manufacturers across the ocean.

"The biggest issues stemmed from the nature of the logistics. I was dealing with people who were in Holland, 6 hours different from here," Muraro said.

After finishing his first design, Muraro was approached by the group that represents Brojaka to design skinsuits for the Ukrainian speed skating team. He was able to design more efficiently this time, building on the experience he had gained designing for Brojaka. Muraro wasn't even aware that his designs were being used by the Ukrainian men's and women's teams until Brojaka mentioned that they were wearing them in World Cup events.

Muraro's experience designing speed skating suits has given him great real-world work experience, but he hasn't quite settled on a particular career aspiration.

"There's so much I could do, it doesn't make sense to narrow it down before I even know everything that's out there. If I had to choose, furniture and athletic apparel are the two things that I enjoy designing the most," Muraro said.



Submitted Photo

British speed skater Philip Brojaka wearing Muraro's design during competition.

Let them eat cake



Thursday, May 1, Blue Devil Productions is going to share the wealth... with you, that is. Show up in the Underground at 8 p.m. and enjoy a free piece of cake as a thanks for reaching their attendance goal of 13,000 students this year. And you can chill to the tasty stylings of Roma di Luna, a husband and wife duo who will soothe your soul. Sweet.

To find out what other attractions the BDP is responsible for in the upcoming year, check out their website at bdp.uwstout.edu.

Quick tips for graduation

Preparation:

- Update your permanent address with the Records and Registration or the Graduate School to ensure you receive your diploma and other pertinent information in a timely manner.
- Any financial obligations (fines, tickets, fees, etc.) must be paid in order to graduate.
- Contact Career Services for help writing your resume and other career-related assistance.
- Guest tickets, Career Services Survey, and honor cords will be available Monday, April 21, 2008 through Friday, May 9, 2008 at the Service Center in the Memorial Student Center. Photo ID is required to obtain tickets, surveys and honor cords.

The ceremony:

The May commencement exercises will be held on May 10, 2008 in the Johnson Field House at the following times:

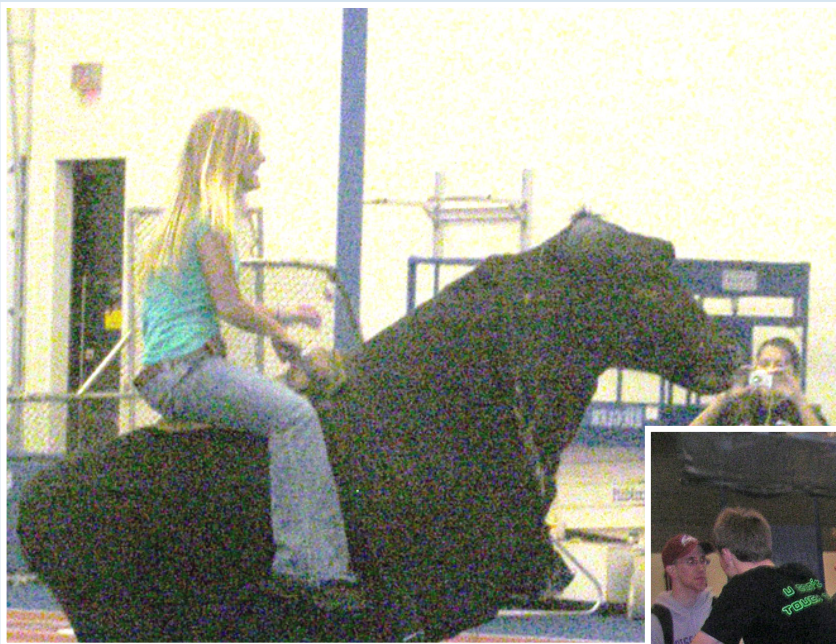
- 9:30 a.m.** - college of human development graduates
school of education graduates
- 2:00 p.m.** - college of arts and sciences graduates
college of technology and engineering and management

- A graduation buffet will be available in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center following the commencement exercise. You can make reservations online at shoppes.uwstout.edu.
- As courtesy to all graduates and their guests, all guests are requested to remain in their seats during the ceremony. A professional photographer will photograph each graduate as the diploma is received. The firm will send a free color copy of the proof to each graduate in approximately 10 days. There will be opportunities to take photographs at the Johnson Field House and at the reception following the ceremony.

Day of:

- Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in university facilities. Graduates should be aware that they will not be permitted to participate in commencement if they are in violation UWS Ch. 18.06(13)(a) which prohibits the use or possession of alcoholic beverages on all university premises.
- Mortarboards are to be worn with the point of the shell to the rear and with the tassel forward.
- Graduates must wear shoes and other visible apparel that harmonize with the academic attire.

For a complete list of graduates, see pages 16 and 17.



Danielle Olson/Stoutonia Staff

The University of Wisconsin-Stout students participate in Stoutnic's end of the year picnic bash, which is a way to reward all students for their hard work and dedication for over the past school year. Students enjoyed snow cones, corn dogs and cotton candy, and had a chance to ride a mechanical bull or participate in other events. The national residence hall honorary also sponsored a "Jail and Bail" event. The "bail" was one non-perishable food item and all donations went to the Interfaith Care Center in Menomonie. The event took place in the Fieldhouse on Thursday, April 24 from 5-8 p.m.

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Stout Radio

The mission of Stout Media is to enrich the lives of the student body by establishing a well connected cross-campus and off-campus media outlet for all interested in University of Wisconsin-Stout culture and life.

Danielle Olson

Staff Writer

"Stout Media is the conglomeration of several technologies converging due to the high speed advancements of the information age," said Ian Itow, Stout Radio's founding president.

"The idea was conceived from the general layout of the poly-technical campus. We are a high-tech campus with a strong network infrastructure, thanks to several behind-the-scene administrative officials like Doug Wahl, the CIO of the University of Wisconsin-Stout."

So how will students and faculty hear it?

"Stout Radio will be a Web-streamed radio station, acting under the rules of the FCC," said Itow.

Stout Radio hopes to fill the gap in media communications. "The radio station will host to all local and upcoming events, with the intention of further connecting the university. Being that the Internet is limitless in

it's potential, it will inform students, faculty, alumni and parents of the happenings of our community," added Itow.

"It will give students a break from hearing the same songs over and over again on the regular radio stations" as Matthew Kaskavitch, UW-Stout Radio's Vice President, explains. "Once established, it will also feature 'talk-radio' segments with interviews of fellow students concerning UW-Stout issues, and also interviews with UW-Stout student-athletes and coaches."

Stout Media is seeking dedicated and driven students with an interest in television & radio and broadcast/print journalism as a whole as well as other departments such as: marketing/advertising, graphic design and public relations.

The official launch date for Stout Radio will be next fall, September 3, 2008.

If you're interested, contact:

Ian Itow: itowi@uwstout.edu, or

Matthew Kaskavitch: kaskavitchm@uwstout.edu

Stout under construction

Memorial Student Center and Price Commons get a new face-lift

Danielle Olson

Staff Writer

"The big step now is we're creating a plan to be approved by the Stout Student Association (SSA) by next November," noted Darrin Witucki, the Associate Director of the Memorial Student Center (MSC).

"In 1959, 50 years ago, the funding for the first student center, which is now the Communications and Technology building would be 40 million in today's money, using an inflation calculator. Eight million dollars was spent on the building of the Memorial Student Center in 1985. Hopefully we will be asking less of students today," Witucki added.

"The funding for this project will be through segregated fees, not tuition. Segregated fees go to housing and boarding, rentals, health services, athletics and to keep buildings like the MSC running. Tuition pays for your credits," explained Witucki.

So why the changes? "We knew we needed to change because enrollment and students' needs have changed and grown... and we want to remain a competitive facility," said Witucki. "Most of the other UW System universities have either already renovated their centers or are in the process."

"We did a market study two years ago to see what students want from the centers. We found they want more natural light and lounge space, a warmer feel, and an updated dining service," said Lucy Nicolai, the Director of the MSC.

The architects will be on campus May 6 and 7, and anyone is invited to join the meetings:

May 6: 12-5:30 p.m. Ballroom B, Memorial Student Center

May 7: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Maple/Oakwood Rooms, Memorial Student Center

May 7: 11 a.m. Presentation of Possible Concepts

"They also want to move the student organizations center to a more visible location, and moving the meetings rooms to the back," she said.

"The planning committee is made up of Blue Devil Productions, SSA, Inter Resident Hall Council, the Campus planner, the dining and housing directors and general students who had an interest," explained Nicolai.

"Now we are working with the architects and the dining service consultant. Before next semester, we'll meet for a visioning session to go over and create concepts to present to SSA next fall. Then we have a lot of approvals to go through. It's a lengthy process," added Witucki.

"We want people to be involved in the process because everyone uses the building," said Darrin Witucki, Associate Director of the MSC.

For more information on the project plans, see: uwstout.edu/studentcenter/projectplanning/index.html



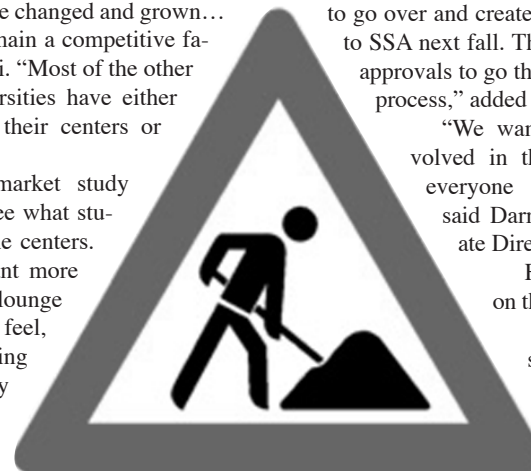
For the second year, the University of Wisconsin-Stout participated, along with 400 other colleges, in RecycleMania, a friendly nationwide recycling competition among college campuses. The 58.6 million pounds of material recycled during RecycleMania 2008 prevented greenhouse gas emissions of 25,342 metric tons of carbon equivalent from entering the atmosphere.

Nationally, UW-Stout ranked in the top 50 percent for the Grand Champion, Gorilla Prize, Paper and Bottles/Cans categories. UW-Stout also ranked nationally in the Waste Minimization category coming in 12th out of 95 schools.

During the 10 weeks of competition — January 28 to April 5 — UW-Stout student coordinators Mandy Mulder and Heidi Behnke worked cooperatively with more than 200 students enrolled in a class on science, society and the environment. In groups, the students completed recycling-related projects around campus, aimed at increasing recycling rates or reducing waste. Projects were varied and included attending athletic events, encouraging students to use china in dining areas and holding dorm competitions.

A special thank you goes out to all the faculty, staff and students that made this year's RecycleMania a success. We couldn't have done it without you!

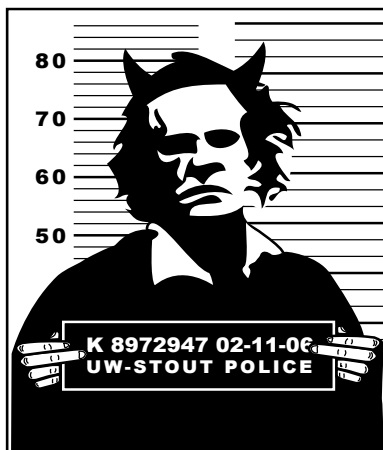
For a complete list of the contest winners visit the official RecycleMania Web site, www.recyclemaniacs.org



What is May Day?

May Day celebrates the transition from winter to summer. It originated in ancient Egypt and India, and was celebrated in the festival of the Roman goddess of spring, Flora. May Day was celebrated by decorating the Maypole in medieval England, which was a pole decorated in flowers and streamers which were held at the ends by dancers.





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Citations Issued
April 14 - April 27

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Possession of Marijuana – 2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – 1

What a surprise -- false fire alarm in the dorms

Friday April 18, 2:26 a.m.

An active fire alarm at CKTO was reported to the University of Wisconsin-Stout police. The responding officer checked the fire panel to see that the alarm was sounding from the first floor of Curran Hall.

As the officer proceeded, he observed a haze coming from a discharged fire extin-

guisher. He entered several dorm rooms that were in the vicinity of the fire extinguisher and could not locate any sign of heat or fire.

While checking the dorm rooms, the officer found several residents still sleeping and advised them to evacuate the building. After further checking, with the aid of the Menomonie Fire Department, it was concluded that an unknown person had discharged the fire extinguisher and fled the scene.

Drunk guy wants to blow up something

Saturday April 19, 1:50 a.m.

A suspicious male wanting to enter the Memorial Student Center was reported to UW-Stout police after he made threatening comments to a building custodian. The suspicious male stated "It's not like I'm going to blow up the building." The custodian told

the male that the doors were locked and the building was closed.

After another attempt to enter the building, the custodian stopped him again. The male went on to state "I guess I'll just have to blow the building up tomorrow."

The male appeared to be intoxicated and walked off in an unknown direction. A search came up unsuccessful and the police officer at the scene was advised to pay close attention to the building for the rest of the evening. The incoming day officer was also advised to focus on the building.

There were no problems reported by the building manager the following day.

Misuse of Parking Services will get anyone a hefty fine... including an employee

Friday, April 18, 10:46 a.m.

A UW-Stout employee paid a \$280.50 fee that was issued to her after she admitted to misusing parking services.

The employee took a temporary parking permit from her department for personal use and did not record the permit in the department's log book. Guidelines given to departments needing temporary parking permits are clearly outlined and are given for unexpected visitors of the department.

The employee went on to falsify the dates she originally had written on the permit to extend the validity of it by another week. A parking enforcer noticed the fraudulent permit and reported it to UW-Stout police. The employee pleaded no contest in court and paid her fee in full.

Random acts of vandalism really suck

Wednesday April 23, 10:25 a.m.

A student reported to UW-Stout police that his car had been vandalized while parked in UW-Stout Parking Lot 4. He observed the gas cap was missing, the name plate was gone from the trunk, the antenna was twisted and broken, the front license plate and bracket were taken, the reflective surface of both outside mirrors were removed and a slight but fresh scratch appeared on the right rear quarter panel.

The student told the responding officer that he was not having trouble with anyone and did not have any suspects in mind other than the possibility of an unknown disturbed or drunk individual that may have walked through the lot.

How would you feel if you walked up to your car and saw this?

Sunday April 27 12:55 a.m.

A report of a granite brick being thrown through the rear window of a vehicle was called in to UW-Stout police. The vehicle was parked near the Harvey Hall loading area.

The complainant also reported that there was a small dent just below the rear window side. He did not believe anything was stolen out of his vehicle. There were no suspects to report at the time and no one had permission to damage the vehicle.

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1	n/a	147 1/2 Main Street #8	\$180	\$180	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, laundry facilities, very close to campus	SR
1	n/a	2006 5th Street A	\$225	\$225	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, washer/dryer, off-street parking	SR
1	n/a	1319 8th Street	\$225	\$225	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, off-street parking, close to campus	SR
1	n/a	220 12th Avenue West	\$230	\$230	n/a	n/a	Includes utilities, washer/dryer, parking, great location	SR
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #2	\$325	\$325	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & heat, very close to campus	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #4	\$345	\$345	n/a	n/a	Nice efficiency, includes utilities & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main Street #2	\$360	\$360	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW included, storage, close to campus, nice apt.	6
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #6	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes utilities & parking, great apartment	8
1	1	400_ Main Street #5	\$370	\$370	n/a	n/a	Includes WSG+HW, storage, close to campus, great apt.	6
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #3	\$375	\$375	n/a	n/a	Efficiency apartment, includes WSG & heat, great location	A
1	1	703 1/2 3rd Street East #4	\$395	\$395	n/a	n/a	Efficiency, includes WSG & parking, very close to campus	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #2	\$415	\$415	n/a	n/a	Remodeled efficiency, incl. util. & parking, close to campus	8
1	1	333_ Main Street #1	\$425	\$425	n/a	n/a	Large desirable downtown apartment, includes WSG & heat	A
1	1	803 Wilson Avenue #1	\$495	\$495	n/a	n/a	Fantastic apartment, includes utilities and parking	8
2	1	113 West Main Street	\$360	\$180	\$460	\$230	Close to campus and downtown, some upgrades, parking	3
2	1	2121 5th Street #C	\$420	\$210	\$620	\$310	Tons of storage, washer/dryer, WSG included, Avail. 7/1/08	4
2	1	619 13th Avenue	\$425	\$213	n/a	n/a	Inc. heat, WSG, hot water, excellent location w/ parking	4
2	1	421 Wilson Avenue #1	\$495	\$248	n/a	n/a	Cute apt, private entrance, parking, heat, WSG & HW, incl.	6
3	1	1311 1/2 South Broadway	\$480	\$160	\$565	\$188	Cozy apt, across from campus, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	2215 1/2 5th Street	\$545	\$182	n/a	n/a	Lower duplex, good sized rooms, washer/dryer, parking	D
3	1	119 West Main Street #3	\$550	\$183	\$700	\$233	Nice apt, good sized rooms, close to campus & downtown	3
3	1	321 13th Avenue West	\$600	\$200	\$820	\$273	Super location, washer/dryer, off-street parking, nice yard	H
3	1	802 6th Avenue #4	\$695	\$232	n/a	n/a	Nice apartment, private entrance, includes utilities & parking	A
3	1	147 1/2 Main Street #B	\$780	\$260	n/a	n/a	Utilities included, nice rooms & closets, laundry in building	A
4	1	915 Main Street	\$600	\$150	\$800	\$200	Lower duplex, W/D hook-ups, nice front porch, parking	D
4	1	1508 10th Street	\$600	\$150	\$800	\$200	Nice layout, new flooring, washer/dryer hook-ups, parking	H
4	2	1319 8th Street	\$750	\$188	\$950	\$238	Nice, good sized rooms, off-street parking, close to campus	H
4	1	1216 6th Street	\$800	\$200	\$980	\$245	Good sized rooms, front porch, parking, across from campus	H
4	1.5	121 12th Avenue West	\$800	\$200	\$1,025	\$256	Nice house, new carpet, W/D, parking, great location	D
4	2	1515 6th Street	\$800	\$200	\$1,095	\$274	Spacious house w/ den, W/D, parking, close to campus	H
4	1	1600 10th Street	\$850	\$213	\$1,050	\$263	Remodeled kitchen & bath, nice sized rooms, washer/dryer	H
5	1	1121 6th Avenue	\$550	\$110	n/a	n/a	Large 5-bedroom house on East side, corner lot, large yard	H
5	1.5	221 4th Street West	\$700	\$140	\$960	\$192	North campus, W/D, porch, basement storage, lots of parking	H
5	2	2006 5th Street #A	\$840	\$168	\$1,090	\$218	Nice, large house, good-sized rooms, W/D, off-street parking	3
5	2	1708 6th Street #A	\$1,100	\$220	\$1,300	\$260	Fabulous apartment, W/D, big rooms, parking, has everything!	D
6	2	1603 7th Street	\$900	\$150	n/a	n/a	Great house, gas fireplace, washer/dryer, corner lot	H

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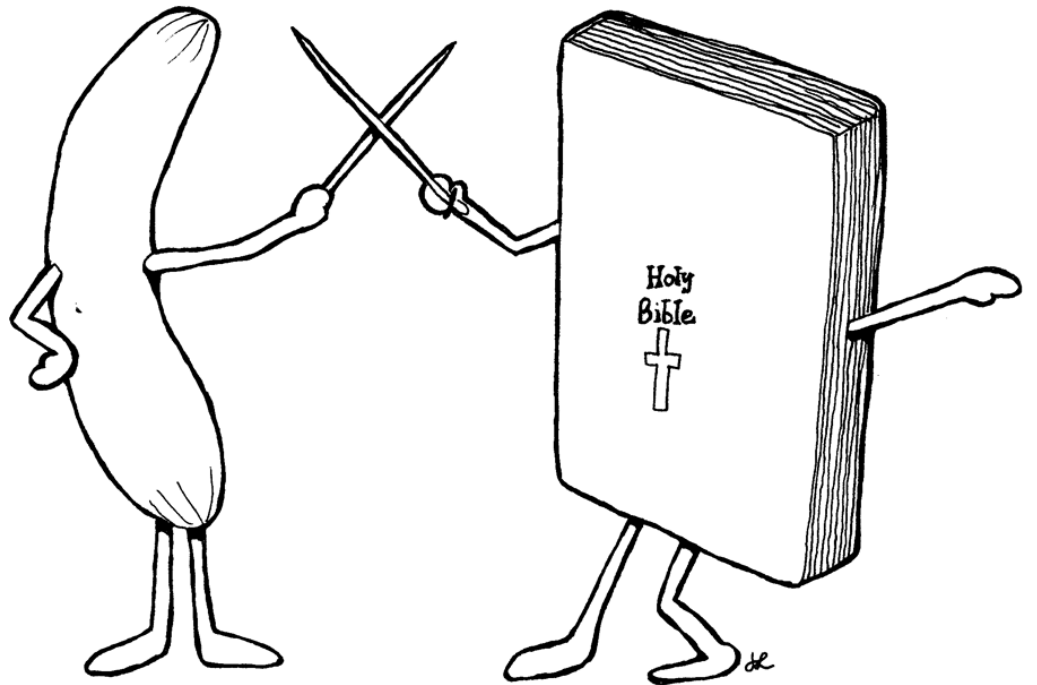
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Porn debate



Jessica Leafblad

Nate Fellows

Staff Writer

On Monday, April 21, the University of Wisconsin-Stout hosted the Great Porn Debate starring Reverend Craig Gross and adult film star Ron Jeremy. Although the debate had to do with porn, it took place in a mature setting amongst a variety of people.

Grandparents, parents and students filled the Great Hall in the Memorial Student Center anticipating this unique and controversial debate. Many people seemed surprised when they noticed their friends sitting in the audience.

After the short introduction of how the debate was going to take place, the mediator announced the names of the two participants.

Gross was the first person introduced,

and he received applause from a couple of people booing from others. Then Jeremy got introduced, and the crowd went into a frenzy, in favor of the industry that he is a part of.

The mediator gave a short overview of how the debate was going to take place. He started off by reading a quote from a 1964 court case, "I cannot define pornography but I know it when I see it." This statement seemed to get the crowd thinking as they settled into their seats.

The forum was for scholarly conversation, respectful and for a perspective on both sides of the of the pornography issue.

The mediator then introduced the biography of Gross, founder of XXXchurch.com, and mentioned that more than 60,000 people visit his Web site annually by accident, while looking for porn. Gross's Web site is the number one Christian anti-porn Web site within the internet.

Then the biography of Jeremy was introduced and it mentioned his two bachelor degrees and his masters degree in special education. The crowd applauded loudly when the mediator announced that Jeremy has starred in more than 1,800 adult films.

Jeremy's biography was more in depth because he has been in the adult film industry since the 1970s and Gross has been an advocate against pornography for only a couple of years.

Gross and Jeremy both had 12-15 minutes to make their arguments about why and where they stand on the issue of pornogra-

phy. Gross went first because Jeremy feels that, "Porn is worth defending." Gross and Jeremy both respect each other; however, Gross does not respect the industry that Jeremy is a part of.

Gross started the debate by telling the audience that he is here to, "help people that are caught up in porn" because, "porn hurts people and destroys people." He admitted that, "you have the right to see porn" but, "porn is fantasy and it will disappoint your real sex life."

Gross's main argument wasn't against pornography; it was against the porn industry not doing enough to prevent minors from viewing pornography. "Porn is too available," stated

Gross. "Kids under 18 have seen porn."

Gross also argued that, "porn is degrading to woman" and, "videos do not leave the Internet." Gross went on to say that pornographic videos have become "violent nowadays and

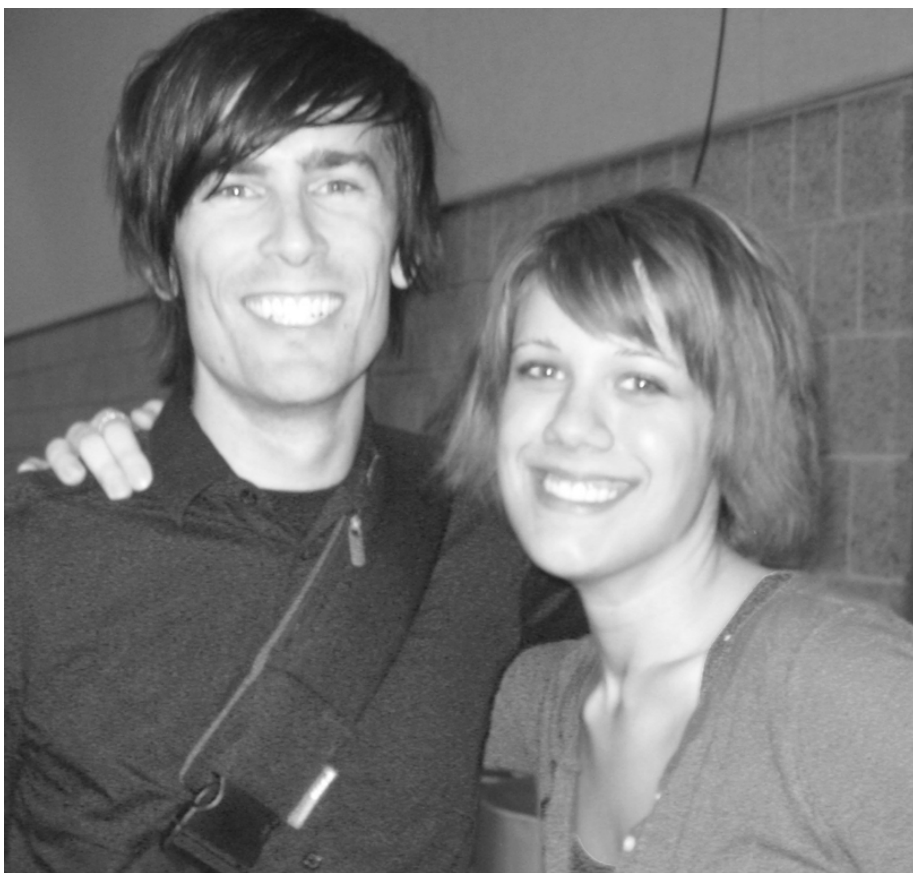
there needs to be disclaimers on the DVDs."

After Gross concluded his 15 minute argument, Jeremy got the opportunity to counter Gross's points. Jeremy argued in a less rehearsed format because he only wanted to argue what Gross said during this particular debate. Jeremy made it clear that he is not defending the porn industry; rather he is defending himself and the companies that he works for.

Jeremy first argued that porn does not hurt or destroy people because, "you can watch porn to masturbate. I used to masturbate to Gilligan's Island." This statement made many

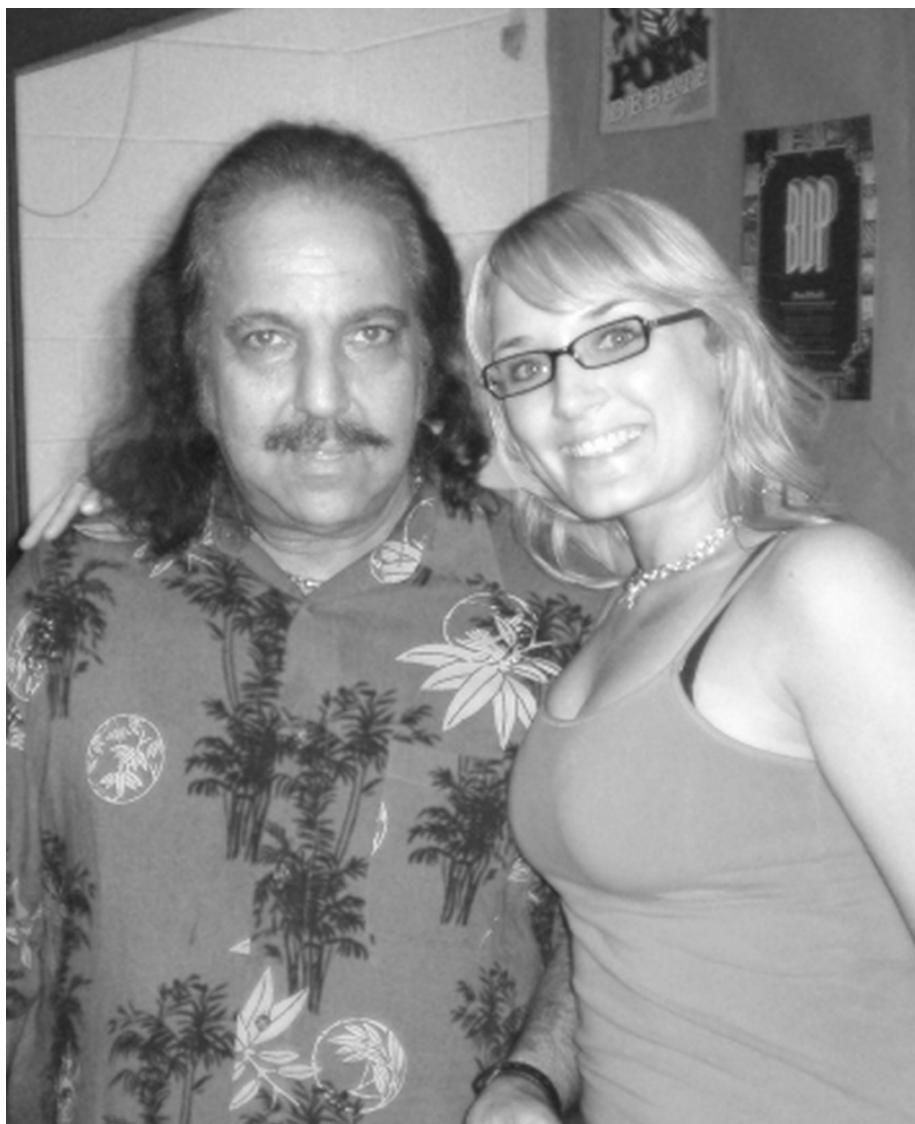
Porn does not hurt or destroy people because you can watch porn to masturbate. I used to masturbate to Gilligan's Island.

Ron Jeremy



Sonia Vasile, a freshmen in psychology poses with Craig Gross.

Submitted Photo



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Kelly Haugen, a senior in business administration poses with Ron Jeremy,

people in crowd laugh out loud and it helped set the mood for his entire defense.

Jeremy went on to say that there are disclaimers on every DVD and, "we do endorse safe sex." He argued that the Dukes of Hazard movie did not have a disclaimer that said, "Don't speed with illegal moonshine in your car and jump off of bridges."

Jeremy brought up that, "niche Web sites" are the Web sites that are degrading towards women and they come up with the "goofy dumbass titles" that make adult films look bad. Jeremy said that "Pirates," an adult film, outsold every porn film last year and it did not have a kinky title.

Jeremy asked the audience how many have watched "Pirates" and the majority of the audience raised its hand. He then went on to say that "kinky titles" don't sell movies and "kinky titles are not the majority" of adult films.

Jeremy admitted that because of the Internet "kids can see porn under age," but he said that he is against it and that he does not want minors watching or looking at porn. Jeremy added, "My dad didn't have porn. I used to sneak in and read National Geographic."

Jeremy went on to argue that the porn industry cannot even depict minors in their videos. He said, "We can't even put pig tails on grandma and depict her as being under 18."

Jeremy added to his defense by stating that, "according to porn demographics, the largest consumers of porn are between the ages of 35 and 49."

Jeremy concluded his defense by stating, "You don't blame alcohol companies for DUIs, car manufactures for car accidents, unlike porn where they are blaming an entire industry for what only a few people are doing."

After the debate, it became clear that Gross and Jeremy never did come to a conclusion. Both made valuable arguments and they even agreed on some of each other's points. They disagreed on many points, but it is clear that whether you are against pornography or in favor of pornography, there needs to be civil and mature discussions about it, because porn is not going away anytime soon.

At the end, during the audience questions, Gross did admit to stealing porn and masturbating to it.

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Porn: enjoy it, or don't...

Sonia Vasile

Incoming Opinion Editor

On April 21, the University of Wisconsin-Stout's presence was graced by a major celebrity. This man is famous for his almost incalculable contributions and influences within the film industry; He is especially known among college students. This celebrity, porn star Ron Jeremy, is a legend, having appeared in over 1,900 adult movies. He came to campus to debate Craig Gross, a pastor and critic of porn and the porn industry. Ron Jeremy was defending porn and Craig Gross was against it. It was obvious that both sides were equally passionate about their beliefs, and I think that they're hardly alone in getting so worked up about this.

Even outside of porn star legends and pastors who run extensive Web sites denouncing it, pornography tends to be a pretty touchy subject and opinions are never in short supply. But I'm not writing this to share my personal opinion on pornography. I'm not going to comment whether I perceive it as super sweet or super stupid, because that's irrelevant. What I'm here to argue is that regardless of your personal perception of porn, you should, to put it about as simply as I can, just butt out and let people choose their own lifestyles. Not doing so and insisting that you must interfere is the stepping stone to much more serious problems than porn itself.

Now, whatever you want to think of porn, seriously, just go ahead and think it. Honestly, I really don't care. You're for it? Cool, now go ahead and enjoy, use responsibly, be reasonable, so on. (And I emphasize the words "reasonably" and "responsibly" so I don't have anyone thinking that I'm all for the lifestyle.) You're against it? Alright, I think that's also cool, because you have the right to say and believe in whatever lifestyles you want to. Forming and following your own opinions, morals and convictions is good. You do your thing, I do my thing,

we can be friends and we all live happily ever after, I say.

But I don't understand those who consider themselves to be anti-porn to the degree that they're obsessed with the idea of somehow censoring and/or controlling it. I really don't get this. It seems to fundamentally come down to, the idea that the rest of the world is your business, yours to boss around.

Here's what I submit: if you don't like it or don't approve, how about just not watching it? What about maybe letting the fact that some people are into it go? Is the saying "live and let live" completely dead? Don't get me wrong – it's not that I'm advocating the idea of not taking a stand against something you believe in, but I think that in this case, if you don't rent/read/buy/participate in pornography, you've done all you need to. Complain about it all you want, say whatever but actually expect the law to bow down to your anti-porn opinions? Some people really do want laws passed against pornography.

So say that you're someone who is anti-porn to the degree that you want some sort of law regulating and/or censoring and/or banning it. How would you even go about this, anyway? How do you define what's porn and what's not? At the debate, Craig Gross said that he defined pornography to be anything "sexually stimulating." Well, O.K. Say that there is some sort of law passed against it. Who gets to decide what is sexually stimulating and what isn't? I would assume that it most likely would be the one asserting their moral superiority the loudest.

So say that there are some guidelines established for what is and isn't pornography. And now, at the least, porn is stringently controlled, I guess. Or maybe even banned. What about after porn has been dealt with? Craig Gross said that he considered "anything sexually stimulating" to be classified as pornography, and according to the dictionary, that seems to be the acceptable definition. Does that include mov-

ies featuring nudity? Books about sex and/or sexuality or with sex scenes? Rigidly controlling that which is "sexually stimulating" ... that pretty much sounds like anything that has the possibility of inciting arousal would have to be out. UW-Stout's Lifespan Sexuality course? Bye-bye. Talk Sex With Sue? Gone. Victoria's Secret Catalogue? Get rid of that sexual stimulation and get rid of it now!

Craig Gross (remember that he's a pastor) also said that his dislike of pornography stemmed from his religious convictions. The Bible says that sex should be between one man and one woman and only after they are married. This is where his morals come from. But sorry, your religion never has been, nor will it ever be an excuse to push your values on someone else. (Say, isn't there an amendment or something dealing with this?)

I guess that I have the same feelings towards those who consider themselves to be anti-porn to the point of legislation as I do towards those who consider themselves to be anti-abortion to the point of legislation. Once again, I'm going to state that I will never be against standing up for what you believe in. But remember that many people will do and believe in things – such as pornography and abortion – that will shock and offend you. And people will continue to engage in these practices, regardless of how much it upsets you. But not being offended isn't any sort of right. Your feeling of moral superiority, however overwhelming your need is to share it, is no excuse to assume that you can butt in and regulate other people's choices. Just as those who are pro-choice argue that having control over your own body is a fundamental right, those who argue in favor of pornography invoke the freedom of speech and expression as an undeniable right. I think that a lot of people tend to miss the absolute importance of the first amendment. The argument of whether or not to regulate/control porn is solved by pointing out that the suppression of ideas

and images based on their content alone is forbidden by the first amendment. Meaning: You can't censor or ban something just because you don't like it. The Supreme Court doesn't (and shouldn't and won't) care that you're offended by this.

And think about what would happen if this sort of legislature came to being. Once you decide to let a chosen few have the authority to arbitrarily regulate and modify your freedoms, beginning with your most fundamental free speech rights, at their whim, it sets a bad, bad precedent. Who's to say they would stop there? Pornography would not be the only thing silenced. Meaning: The next person they regulate, the next person whom they insist is eroding public morality, can be you.

Returning to the pornography issue, I guess that this is really all I have to say: Feel free to either slobber in adoration or barf all over the wall when you think about Ron Jeremy. There's nothing wrong with enjoying porn. Go ahead and worship at his throne or roll your eyes all the way into your skull when you think about Craig Gross. There's also nothing wrong with disliking porn. Personally, I took a picture with each of them and found them both to be intelligent, articulate and pleasant to speak with. I had a great time at the Great Porn Debate.

My point is, think or say whatever you want about whatever you want. But when you go a step further and insist that your own morals and personal convictions are so strong, are so undeniable and are just so right that they surpass everyone else's constitutional rights and absolutely must become the (new and improved) law of the land, I can guarantee that regardless of my own view of the matter, I will take a stand. To wrap this up, I'm going to quote an actress in the porn business who I feel sums it up nicely: "For them to tell me that I can't make films about naked men and women making love is a grotesque violation of my civil rights." And I agree with her. Butt out and mind your own business.

Letters to the Editor

Correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't the entire state of Wisconsin facing a budget crisis? Aren't campuses being cut by the big wigs at Madison? Didn't we lose a million or so in our funding from system? And yet, what are we doing, we're spending, spending and for good measure, MORE SPENDING!

As a graduating senior, I feel compelled to point out, for future generations of students, that someone, somewhere, has gotten spend happy,

and their credit card needs to be taken away—quick!

Blue rugs with University of Wisconsin-Stout logos? Blue carpet installed with UW-Stout logos dyed in? And now, a mysterious blue UW-Stout-branded garbage can appears? Who's in charge of spending around here?! Seriously, there is a difference between effective brand marketing and frivolous spending? I'm pretty sure all the crazy branded stuff that's been purchased recently counts toward the latter. Now to be fair, these aren't the only

wastes of money around here most departments have a habit of wasting supplies like paper by printing off things they will never use! It blows my mind how spending is withheld in all the wrong areas and encouraged in places it shouldn't be!

Campuses can barely afford to hire professors, and the ones they have are terribly under-paid. The system won't enact domestic benefits because they say it's a money issue. Some campuses are losing programs and services because of budget

cuts... in this time of money shortage and budget crisis, spending should be something our administrators do less of, not more!

So I call out the people making the decisions to purchase these things—think about what you're doing, think about whose money you're REALLY spending!

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Regarding the opinion piece on religion by Chris Moeller: I respect his right to be a critic of religion and religious institutions, but he is ignorant of that which he criticizes, and this renders his sarcastic opinions cheap and unserious.

Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, where Jeremiah Wright Jr. was pastor, is a church in the same denomination as First Congregational Church in Menomonie, of which I am a member. The only real difference between our local UCC church and Trinity is that Trinity ministers to an overwhelmingly black congregation. They declare themselves to be "unashamedly black" and "unapologetically Christian."

To be "unashamed" of one's blackness does not mean that one is "anti-white." And no "unapologetically Christian" church could ever be racist or preach hate against any category of persons. That is why the Westboro Baptist Church can hardly be considered

Christian. Their mission is preaching anti-gay hatred and they deserve condemnation for that.

Moreover, anti-government criticism is not the same as "anti-American" criticism. An American government that sanctions torture deserves the severest criticism, even from the pulpit. A huge majority of citizens are now angry critics of our government. This is very American.

As for the LDS church, of which I know very little, Mr. Moeller is apparently ignorant of the fact that the church outlawed polygamy in the 19th century when it became unlawful in the United States. That there are fundamentalist Mormon sects that still practice polygamy no more condemns all the LDS churches than the Westboro gospel of hatred of gays condemns all Christian churches.

This kind of journalism is inexcusable. Mr. Moeller could have found out the truth about both Trinity and the LDS before he pandered to his sarcasm.

David Cook, Professor Emeritus,
University of Wisconsin-Stout

During the last three years at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, I have had at least one class on the fourth floor of Harvey Hall every school day. As many of you know, those stairs can be pretty challenging first thing in the morning, but I always take them to show respect to those who cannot. Day after day, I am blown away by the cluster of lazy students who crowd around the elevator on two healthy legs to avoid getting exercise at all costs. The other day I saw something so ironic that I had to share it with all of you. A student who was, let's just say, "husky" came sprinting past me on the first floor of Harvey Hall; and I turned around just in time to see him wedging his pudgy hand in between the elevator doors. "Thank God," he must have thought; he almost was forced get some exercise walking up the stairs. I proceeded to ascend the stairs and saw someone patiently waiting in a wheel chair on the second floor.

On the third floor there was someone on crutches waiting, also. Many students wish they were able to walk up and down the stairs and can't. Show them some respect and start working off some of those freshman fifteen.

Anthony Wind
University of Wisconsin-Stout Student

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There is no denying it, stereotypes can be fun

Jed Williams
Staff Writer

The college experience: that mysterious event in a person's life that helps shape who they will be and their views on life forever. Many people consider the college experience to come from actions we all take: going to class, showing up at parties, being part of a team, performing random acts of stupidity for no reason other than you won't be able to do it after you graduate. But beyond what each and every person does, the people you meet and live with during the crucial years of studying can play a large role in the development of who you become. They aren't just friends, roommates, floor mates, and acquaintances, they are full-blown characters.

I've compiled a list of some of the most common types of people you will meet during your years in college. If you have already attended college somewhere or you are currently doing so, you've no doubt met and recognized some of these. Maybe you fit one of the categories, and if you do, be proud; you help to shape the fondest and strongest memories of a time many will consider the best years of their lives. As with many lists, this isn't comprehensive. For a topic like this, it would be impossible to list all the different types of people you will encounter at a college. That being said, read, learn, and enjoy!

The Hyena: This person is never seen, but heard. They are known for long conversations with the phone on speaker and staying

up late at night with the TV volume turned up. The most recognizable characteristic is the laugh. They have a laugh that makes people wish for either finger nails on a chalkboard or the loss of their own ability to hear. Still, even if they live right next to you, you will never see this person the entire year.

Jolly Roger: This person is the prototypical larger-than-average always-in-a-good-mood guy. Very first impressions could lead you to suspect that they are a gross person, and they probably are when they are alone, but they never are alone. Usually involved in two to three organizations and with the door to their room open 90 percent of the time, they become more well known, somehow even to the Hyena.

Dirty Digits: This person goes everywhere bare-footed. It doesn't matter if it is to the bathroom down the hall or down two floors to do their laundry they never seem to have anything on their feet. Nobody remembers to check for shoes when they are in class because it is an absurd thought until you realize that you have never actually seen them without bare feet. Has at least one toe with half of a normal-sized toenail or smaller. Later on in life you will hear about somebody with an eerily similar name that had skin-disease on their foot that required amputation.

Mr. I Love Music That Everybody Else Hates (MILMTEEH): This person regularly blasts music that the majority of people cannot stand. It is usually some type of techno/polka/ hometown local band. Apparently they are deaf also, perhaps the result of room-

ing next to the Hyena, but because of this they are required to play the horrible music at decibel levels in the triple-digits. Usually one of the most avoided and least known person on the floor, they tend to have strange looking friends that scare any pranksters away from pulling any type of practical joke or revenge on this person.

Friendly Neighbor: This is the person that everybody on the floor gets along with and they get along with everybody. Usually roomed next to MILMTEEH, people hold sympathy for them from the start because they have to deal with music during quiet hours and weeknights before finals. They never seem to hold a grudge though, and welcome anybody and everybody into their room at any time. Any big-time television event is viewed in this person's room.

The Mascot: This person is small. They are no taller than 5'3" for guys and 4'8" for girls. Because they are small in stature they tend to be held up as a trophy or mascot by the rest of the floor. Usually pale and quiet, they will speak to you at some point late at night when you are both using the bathroom. Pay close attention to what they say, consider every word spoken to be an extraordinarily accurate, even if it is about the future. Never mention what was talked about to anybody else, it is mystical and can guide you to great success. Unfortunately they will be stuck in an entry-level position for the rest of their lives because management will never really notice that they exist.

Seattle Superstar: This person is growing long hair and learning how to play the

guitar. They plan on making it big time with a band from their hometown and they are impossible to beat on guitar hero.

Ugg: Named after not only the boots that they wear but after the sound that others make when they approach. They have a startlingly too high view of themselves and everybody else on the floor secretly prays for this person to get kicked out/ brought to their senses/ herpes.

\$: This is what everybody on the floor sees when they look at this person. They are rich and so are their parents. They have the sweetest room furnishings and they are always taking trips to Europe. Surprisingly down-to-Earth but it is never known because everybody is enamored by all of the money.

Mummy: You will never hear or see anything from this person before 4 in the afternoon. The reason? They are hung-over. It doesn't matter if it is finals or if there is a fire, anything that happens before 4:00 PM doesn't exist to this person. Stays out late with Hyena and Seattle Superstar. They have more underage drinking violations than everybody else on the floor combined.

Jock: This person is committed 100% to sports. It doesn't have to be just one sport but you name it and they play it. They are the three-time defending intramural football, basketball, and dodge ball champ. Don't anger them because they can probably squeeze your head like a grape and dunk you after they are done. It isn't hard to avoid the jock though because they spend every waking hour on a court or field of some sort. Likely a construction or physical education major.

Things I've learned in the four years at Stout

Katie Kenner

Opinions Editor

Over the four years at Stout many things have occurred to me. Some things were experienced personally and some things were learned through other people. My final column for the year and my undergrad experience at Stout will include some of these tidbits.

Undiscovered Classes

- There are two hidden gem classes at the University of Wisconsin-Stout

- Fiction into Film

Professor Dr. Jean Marie Dauplaise

Class description: Selected works of literature and their film adaptations.

Common myths about this class includes:

- It is an easy A or will be an easy A
- All you do is watch movies
- You can pass with Cliff's notes

Note: The class involves reading seven novels, a lengthy research paper, a large midterm, final and daily quizzes.

Not only is this class fascinating, but you will look at movies and novels in a whole different light.

- Politics and Technology

Professor Peder Hamm

Case Description: Analysis of the interfacing of technology and politics, focusing on the dynamics of the public policy process involving selected technologies, events, issue groups and governmental institutions.

This class gets overlooked all the time when selecting your class for the technology fulfillment. BIG mistake. This class is interesting and worthwhile. Instead of learning about packaging, wouldn't you like to delve deep into the politics of NASA? If you want to find a professor that is passionate about what he teaches and gets you passionate about the subject, take this class!

Classes

- Sometimes all you have to do is ask for extra credit in order to receive an opportunity to get some.
- Find out whether there are attendance and participation points. Skipping classes with these points can take you from an A to a B quite quickly.
- If you are an average person, you will get screwed over by the math placement test, meaning your four year degree is now a five year and you have eight credits of worthless math credits which now count as your electives, taking away the ability to take some fun filler class instead.

Professors

- Some professors don't practice what they preach.
- Some professors are the coolest thing on the block, but their classes suck. You know it can't be that they suck at teaching, and you assume it's not because you are stupid, you just hope that the material is just that hard.

Group work

- Working in groups is overrated.
- Being a group slacker rocks because no one in your group has the backbone to give you less than 100 percent on a percent of effort or evaluation. "I'll give you 100 percent if you give me 100 percent!"
- Being the group leader sucks because you get stuck doing all the work and the said slackers get 100 percent from all the rest of the group.
- Sometimes it is just easier to suck it up and do the whole project yourself if you want a decent grade.
- Sometimes a teacher has a cool rule such as if you fail the group project by being a group slacker you fail the class!

Housing

- The point of the rule requiring students to live on campus their first and second year is stupid.

Case in point 1- you get stuck with some fat slob who makes your room smell.

• Case in point 2- your roommate is a slut/man whore and you wake up to them fornicating with random one night stands.

• Case in point 3- maybe you are anti-social by nature, and living in the dorm scars you for life.

• Case in point 4- you may have gotten to live with your best friend, but by the end of the year you are going to hate him/her. (Note this can apply in off-campus housing as well.)

People

- Smart people don't have a job during college. This way they can party all week and catch up on sleep and homework on the weekend.
- There are two types of smart people:
- Type A. The one kind somehow gets last year's tests or even this year's tests, thus allowing more partying and other extracurricular activities.
- If you are not type A, you are screwed because you study all the time, lack a social life and still manage to do worse than your partying classmates. (No I am not bitter)
- It is really gross to sit next to someone in class who went out Thursday night and

beer is still creeping out of all their pores all day Friday.

- That person in the row behind you who thinks pounding on the keys of a computer will make the letters show up better needs to disappear into oblivion.
- Freshmen seem to be getting smaller and more immature by the year.
- Girls who dress up to go to an eight o'clock class in stilettos, mini-skirts, skimpy shirts and evening makeup and hair are wasting valuable beauty sleep. Perhaps if they used the three hours they used for hair and makeup for sleeping they wouldn't need all that crap to begin with.
- It's perfectly okay to wear sweats or your pajamas to class. Who really cares anyways you are there to learn not to star in a fashion show or pick up your next hot date.

The Stoutonia and Opinions

- If people/organizations/groups don't like what you write, it instantaneously becomes untrue, an opinion and a lie.
- "Supposedly" no one reads the Stoutonia
- Stoutonia has a "fascist editorial board"
- If you write an opinion piece someone doesn't like or agree with, they don't attack your opinion or the issue, they attack you as a person and call you "immature," "indifferent," an "ill-informed idiot," "stupid," a "moron," "Paris Hilton's former staff member," a "spoiled brat," "a disgrace to Stout," crazier than "most people in a mental institution," you sound like "an 8th grader," you are a "pathetic, lazy, ignorant excuse for a journalist," and that your articles lack "depth and insight" and "intelligent writing." Don't forget the fact that because they don't agree with an OPINION, the Stoutonia has "gone downhill."
- Don't forget the last, but not least, fact that I was recommended "earplugs, blinders and a muzzle" to make it through life.

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire vs. University of Wisconsin-Stout

- The next time someone from Eau Claire calls you stupid, remind that person that to graduate with honors from UW-Eau Claire, the G.P.A. requirement is 3.25 while UW-Stout's is 3.5.
- The Spectator copies what the Stoutonia does. Yeah I said it. Hasn't anyone noticed their "Ask Anything" section has ripped questions from Zombie Socrates?

Around Town

- "Supposedly" a certain sub shop was closed because people chose to fornicate on the counter.
- The most popular pizza shop's owners had a stupid dispute, and two shops subsequently changed their names, causing a loss of brand recognition and disappointment among customers.
- Wal-Mart always has lines, and if they don't when you walk in, by the time you are done shopping, suddenly the whole town is there and wants to check out.
- Pizza Hut Bistro is so not the same as the good old red roofed Pizza Hut we know from our Book It! days.
- Dona Ritas totally scammed off El Patio's menu, which made its opening pointless.
- Uptown Laundry's upside down sign is really annoying and I still can't understand the point.
- Menomonee can have four Subways but no KFC?
- It's fun watching stupid people pull into the closed gas station with a gas price of \$2.34 and think they can fill up for that price even though the gas station a block away is \$3.59. (On a side note, why did the idiots leave their gas prices up to begin with: To taunt us?)



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Upcoming Music - Movies - Games

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Sat, May 10, '08:
-UW-Stout graduation
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Johnson Fieldhouse

-Tea Leaf Green
Mr. Heavys
631 Broadway
St. Menomonie, 2 pm

-Cedarwell at Nucleus
405 Water St. Eau Claire, 12 am

CD Releases

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-The Dandy Warhols
Earth to the Dandy Warhols

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-Gavin DeGraw
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-Ja Rule
The Mirror
-Rob GEE
Says

Tues, May 13, '08:
-Death Cab for Cutie
Narrow Stairs
-Foxy Brown
Brooklyn's Don Diva
-Jason Mraz
We Sing. We Dance. We Steal Things.

Tues, May 20, '08:
-3 Doors Down
3 Doors Down
-Scarlett Johansson
Anywhere I Lay My Head
-Alanis Morissette
Flavors of Entanglement

Tues, May 27, '08:
-Usher
Here I stand

Bella Sol and so much more

Ashley Smolen
Staff Writer

The summer concert season of the Minneapolis area will kick off May 23-25 in Harmony Park, located in Clarks Grove, Minn. The Bella Sol Festival will feature over 40 prominent area bands on three full stages. The diversity of the music in this festival ranges from ambient jam bands to twangy blue grass jazz to underground rap.

Some of the bands performing include: North Mississippi Allstars, a modern Mississippi country blues band; Chali 2na, who is an MC for the hip-hop

group Jurassic 5; Pnuma Trio, a band with tastes of trance, electronica and jazz.

Other groups performing include: God Johnson, Stealin' Strings, Hyentyte, Soul Spectre, Shoeless Revolution and Enchanted Ape, all of which have played here in Menomonie, Wis.

The group Down Lo will also be playing at the music festival. Those who cannot get a chance to attend Bella Sol will still have the opportunity to experience a taste of it on May 13, when the group Down Lo plays at the Waterfront in Menomonie. The show begins at 10 p.m. and is for those 21 and older. There is a \$3 cover charge.



www.bellamusicfest.com

The World Ends With You

More than just cartoon graphics

Brian Muller
Staff Writer

Every gamer has a limit to how immature a game is before they'll play it. Some people will stick to "Halo" or "Final Fantasy" and never explore some of the more cartoonish or anime games that tend to be released every month or so. For those people, "The World Ends With You" is not a game to look into and this article probably wouldn't change anything.

"The World Ends With You" is the latest game by Square-Enix, makers of the "Final Fantasy" and "Kingdom Hearts" series, for the Nintendo DS. Those who have played "Kingdom Hearts" will find themselves at home with this game, as the art director from that game has pretty much been unleashed in "The World Ends With You."

The main character, Neku, has the signature spiked hair, misshapen body structure, and quirky outfit that seems to be standard in the more Japanese games. However, like a "Final Fantasy" game, the looks hide the depth of personality and history that these characters have. While the game may look like a kid's game, the story certainly takes on some more adult themes. Taking place in a real-life version of Shibuya, Japan, Neku is thrust into a life and death game with no memory of how he got there. It's hard to say more without spoiling the story, but it's safe to say that there are plenty of twists on this road.

As for keeping Neku alive, "The World Ends With You" uses a very unique control scheme. On the bottom screen of the DS,

players will use the stylus to move Neku around and attack with various pins. These pins unleash unique effects, like burning or slashing enemies. On the top screen, Neku's partner is controlled with the D-pad, but with less control. Pressing left or right sends the partner into an attack combo, which can be altered by pressing up or down along the way. Early in the game it can be hard to watch and control both characters at the same time, but it becomes natural soon enough.

"The World Ends With You" is looking to be a game more focused towards those who can deal with the crazy anime look of it. But for those who can, there's a great game hidden beneath. "The World Ends With You" is already available on store shelves for the Nintendo DS, and retails for \$39.99.



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Food Columnist

In a country notorious for huge plates and huge waistlines, it comes as no surprise that diet fads are as common as McDonald's. Those sucked into the "celebrity body flush" and "super effective 24 hour weight loss pill" gimmicks are missing a vital part of understanding what it means to be healthy: it's not so much what you eat as how you eat it. It's possible to eat chocolate cake, greasy burgers and cheese covered french fries and still maintain a healthy lifestyle. This ability, however, comes only after understanding portion sizes and the notion of moderation. A pizza should last more than one meal!

Restaurants today provide portions that are out of control. However, for most of us, being raised in this society means having experienced too many days as children being forced to sit at the table until our plate was clean. Today, this "clean plate" mentality creates a dire diet situation in terms of the ever-increasing rate of meals eaten out. When dining outside of home, keep in mind that what's put in front of you is not what you have to eat. By only eating half of what's served, you save a monstrous number of calories, and you also give yourself another meal to look forward to.

Think you're healthy enough?

Interestingly, the widening of this nation's waistlines is impacted by more than just personal choice and genetics. Aspects of the food industry have shifted in the last 50 years, making maintaining a healthy lifestyle and balance increasingly more difficult. The following insight from bellybytes.com offers a comprehensive look at where problems lie.

The problems of obesity and lack of nutrition awareness also seem to have a cultural component. Take a look at fast food restaurants. Most of these restaurants offer 'super-size' or 'value' meals, which often contain an entire day's worth of calories and fat.

Statistics from the U.S. Department of Agriculture reveal that Americans' total daily caloric intakes have risen by 148 calories per day since 1980. This amount reflects an extra 15 pounds every year.

The same studies show that the amount of fat in the average American diet has decreased from 40 percent of total calories to 33 percent during the same period. So even though calories from fat have decreased -- at nine calories per gram of fat versus only four for a gram of carbohydrate or protein -- Americans have more than made up for their

lower fat intakes with larger portion sizes of other types of foods. Larger portion sizes equal more calories. And more calories lead to weight gain, regardless of the source of the calories -- fat, protein or carbohydrate.

Fat provides a feeling of fullness, which can help some people avoid eating to excess. By cutting fat from their diets, people may lose this signal to stop eating. In addition, many 'low-fat' and 'no fat' foods can be just as high -- and in some cases higher -- in calories compared to the regular versions.

One size doesn't fit all

Every person and every body has different needs, cravings and nutritional requirements. There is no generic "fix all" to eliminate problems of weight gain and lack of healthy eating. However, by understanding your body's needs, the importance of portion sizes and better understanding the impact our culture and society has in our dietary habits, one can become better equipped to lead a healthier and happier lifestyle.



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- Your thumb equals one serving (one ounce) of cheese.
- A tennis ball equals one serving (one cup) of yogurt or chopped fresh greens.

When at Home

- Take time to "eyeball" the serving sizes of your favorite foods (using some of the models listed above).
- Measure out single servings onto your plates and bowls, and remember what they look like.
- Figure out how many servings should make up your personal portion, depending upon whether you need to lose, gain, or maintain weight.

Avoid serving food "family style"

- Serve up plates with appropriate portions in the kitchen, and don't go back for seconds.
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Softball team ends with a losing season



The UW-Stout softball team readies themselves before facing off against Luther College on Thursday, April 17.

Contributed photo by Layne Pitt

by Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

After losing a double header to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on April 28, the University of Wisconsin-Stout softball team has extended its losing streak to 25 games.

In the final home games of the season, the Blue Devils were unable to pull off a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference win against the Eagles. The Blue Devils lost with scores of 3-5 and 0-7.

In the first game of the series, UW-La Crosse built a five run lead before UW-Stout answered back with back-to-back home runs from freshman Carly Grover and senior Savannah Oeltjen in the fifth inning after freshman Chelsea Nelson began the inning with a single.

Nelson advanced after a wild pitch and a groundout from freshman Lisa Reiter. This brought the score to 3-5, giving UW-Stout the chance to get back into the game, but was unable to pull off the win. Oeltjen went 2-for-4 for the Blue Devils.

In the second game of the series, the Blue Devils weren't as lucky, losing 0-7. The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse put up two runs in the first inning, three in the third and two in the fourth as the Eagles shut out the Blue Devils. UW-Stout only had five hits in the game, while UW-La Crosse had 11. Grover went 2-for-3 and both teams left five runners stranded on base. The day before, the Blue Devils lost a double header

to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. In the series opener, UW-Stout was behind from the beginning. Going into the sixth inning the Pioneers had a 9-1 lead. To keep from being run ruled, Peterson hit a two-run home run in the sixth to put the game into seven innings. UW-Platteville added on three more runs in the seventh and won the series opener 12-3.

In the second game of the series, junior Nelly Peterson gave UW-Stout the spark that drove in two runs that gave the Blue Devils a 3-0 lead. Peterson drove in freshman Kaitlin Helgass after hitting a double. After hitting a

single, freshman Taylor Wild scored senior Beth Lloyd and sent Peterson to third where she went on to steal home.

UW-Platteville went on to score two in the

second and one in the fourth. In a back-and-forth game, the Blue Devils answered with two RBI singles from Grover. Heading into the seventh inning of the second game it looked like UW-Stout was finally going to end their 20-plus game losing streak as they led the Pioneers 5-3.

In the top of the inning, UW-Platteville took a two-run lead scoring four runs, but the Blue Devils were able to tie up the game in the bottom of the inning to put the game into extra innings. UW-Platteville scored four runs in the eighth inning to win 7-11.

Against UW-Platteville Peterson had five RBIs and went 4-for-6, scoring three runs. Two runs were scored off of her first home runs of the season. There were seven home runs scored in the series.

The Blue Devils dropped a two-game series to the University of Wisconsin-Superior on April 23. In the first game of the series, UW-Stout was behind 1-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning until Lloyd hit a one-out single.

Lloyd eventually scored off a single from Peterson. Peterson advanced to second on an error but was left stranded as UW-Stout lost the series opener 3-2. The Blue Devils had six hits in the game and held the Yellowjackets to three hits. While UW-Stout had six hits, no Blue Devil had more than one hit.

The second game wasn't near as close. UW-Superior scored six runs in the second inning and added four more in the fourth inning. The game ended in five innings with the Yellowjackets winning 11-0. UW-Superior had 15 hits while the Blue Devils only had three. The double header at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on April 21 ended in a loss for UW-Stout. Going into the seventh inning, UW-Stout had only allowed three hits.

The Blue Devils couldn't hold out, allowing the winning run to score on an error. The Titans won 1-0. UW-Stout struck out three batters and until the seventh inning only one runner made it to third base.

In the second game, Peterson and freshman Natalie Most both drove in runs in the top of the first. UW-Oshkosh went on to score 10 unanswered runs to win the game 10-2 in six innings. The Blue Devils only had three hits, all of which came in the first inning. They also committed five errors.

The double header against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on April 20 ended in losses for the Blue Devils. In the opening game of the series the Warhawks scored five runs in the first inning.

It took until the third inning for UW-Stout to score. The Blue Devils scored when sophomore Kristi Hoffman hit a single and then went on to score after a wild pitch. The Warhawks scored runs in the fourth and sixth inning. UW-Stout put another run on the board when Helgass scored Grover. UW-Stout couldn't pull out a victory, losing 2-7.

In the second game of the series, the Warhawks shut out UW-Stout 8-0 in five innings. UW-Whitewater scored a single run in both the first and fourth innings. They also scored six runs in the second inning. UW-Stout had four hits, Helgass getting two of them.

The rescheduled game against Gustavus Adolphus that was supposed to be played April 21 or 22 has been cancelled due to inclement weather.

In a non-conference match up UW-Stout couldn't pull off a victory against Luther College on April 17 losing 3-19. Going scoreless into the seventh inning, Luther had a 5-3 lead when it started to rain. They sent 19 batters to the plate and scored 14 runs to win.

The Blue Devils played Hamline University on April 29 and will begin play in the WIAC tournament against UW-Superior on May 2.



Derek Holmes

This sophomore from Anoka, Minn. is a golf enterprise management major. In his spare time Holmes enjoys playing hockey, hunting, fishing and playing softball. In high school Holmes was team captain his senior year, all-state his senior year and all-conference for two years.

On Tuesday, April 22, Holmes entered the Gustavus meet in fourth place. He didn't alter his position as he ended the tournament again in fourth. Holmes shot a 76 on the final 18 holes to finish with a grand total of 220 strokes for 54 holes, he was only eight strokes shy of the leader. The Blue Devils play in the Edgewood Invite on Friday, May 2. The time in which the invite will take place has yet to be determined.



Women's track preps for conference and nationals

by Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's track and field team has finished fourth of nine in its last two tournaments.

UW-Stout finished fourth out of nine teams in the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Titan Invitational on April 26. The Blue Devils finished in front of other conference members University of Wisconsin-Platteville, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, University of Wisconsin-Parkside and University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. The Blue Devils finished with 73 team points.

Senior Jasmine Patzner finished second place in both hurdle events. She improved to second place after the preliminary race and cut her time down to 15.88 seconds in the finals of the 100 hurdles. In the 400 hurdles she finished with a time of 71.14 seconds. Other top runners were junior Oriana Zens who finished eleventh in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.78 seconds.

Freshman Terri Rice finished nineteenth in the 200-meter dash in 29.85 seconds and third in

the 400-meter run in 62.57 seconds. Freshman Kendra Gaebel finished 15 in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:38.56. In the 1500-meter run, senior Abbey Ring finished fifteenth with a time of 5:16.12. Junior Karla Kultgen finished third in the 5000-meter run in 21:53.55. In the 3000-meter steeplechase, sophomore Charity Cook finished fourth in 13:47.70.

Top finishers in the field events were junior Pam Sellberg in the pole vault with a height of 12 feet. Freshman Anne Guthrie finished fourth in the long jump with a distance of 16 feet two and a quarter inches. Sophomore Ashlea Peter took first in the triple jump with a distance of 37 feet five inches. Sophomore Sam Mayer took seventh in the shot put with 38 feet and one quarter inch and first in the discus with 137 feet nine inches. Mayer also took twelfth in the hammer throw with 130 feet seven inches. Junior Christa Leesman finished seventh in the javelin with a throw of 87 feet 11 inches.

The Blue Devils finished fourth of nine at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Phil Esten Challenge on April 18. UW-Stout finished in front of Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference teams UW-Stevens

Point and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. The Blue Devils finished the challenge with 51 team points.

Top runners for UW-Stout were senior Bonnie Wold in the 800 with a time of 2:30.07. Kultgen finished 38th in the 1500-meter run with a time of 5:43.87. Wold also finished 15th in the 5000-meter run in 22:35.35. Freshman Angie Raasch placed first in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 37:33.53. This time qualified her for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III outdoor championships. Patzner finished sixteenth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.74 and she finished ninth in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 70.53. Ring finished fifth in the 3000 meter steeplechase with a time of 11:58.03.

Top field event finishers included sophomore Staci Paul who placed ninth in the pole vault with a height of 10 feet even. Peter finished seventh in the long jump with a distance of 15 feet nine and three-quarter inches. She also placed first in the triple jump with a distance of 37 feet and one-quarter inch. Mayer finished ninth in the shot put with a throw of 35 feet five and three-quarter

inches. She also finished first in the discus with a throw of 137 feet four inches and seventh in the hammer throw with a distance of 132 feet one inch. Guthrie finished third in the heptathlon 3510 points.

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Bugold Invitational that was supposed to take place on April 13 was cancelled and will not be rescheduled. The meet was canceled due to poor weather and there wasn't enough time to reschedule the meet in the season. The meet would have had to been made up before the conference championships. There were no weekends available to make up the meet.

The team is currently preparing for the WIAC Championship meet that will take place on May 2-3 in Eau Claire, Wis. Competition starts at noon. After the conference championships, the team will travel to Oshkosh for the UW-Oshkosh Titan qualifier on May 10. This is another chance for team members to qualify for the NCAA outdoor championships. On May 15, the team will compete in the UW-La Crosse NCAA qualifier and the next weekend will go to the NCAA outdoor championships in Oshkosh. The NCAA Championships will take place over two days in the middle of May.

2008 National Football League draft update

by Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

In late April, every NFL team sends representatives to New York City to take part of a spectacle known to the sports world as the NFL Draft. The collegiate ranks send 252 of their best players to be taken by the 32

franchises of the NFL. When it came to the two local professional teams, Vikings and Packers, both were able to pick up players that should be able to contribute in the not-so-distant future.

The Vikings dropped out of the first round because they traded their number one pick, along with two third rounders,

to the Kansas City Chiefs for the reigning sack leader Jared Allen. The Packers also dropped out of the first round and were able to pick up draft picks in the future while selecting Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm in the second round.

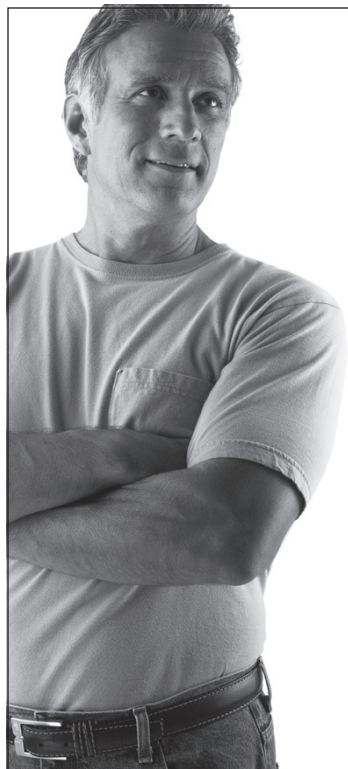
Since Brett Favre is retiring and will not return as the starter, management made a smart move by picking up Brohm who is very talented and will take the place as backup to Aaron Rodgers. The passing game also received help when Kansas State wide receiver Jordy Nelson was selected along with Texas tight end Jermichael Finley. Another notable pick-up was the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater running back Justin Beaver who was invited to the rookie mini-camp this weekend in order to try out for a roster spot.

Given the fact that they were short on selections, the Minnesota Vikings were able to make the picks count when they had them. With their first pick, a second rounder, the Vikings took safety Tyrell Johnson out of Arkansas State. Many draft pundits had him rated as the number one on draft boards.

Since their quarterback situation remains a shaky one, the Vikes took University of Southern California quarterback John David Booty. He is a proven winner with a good track record coming from the prestigious institution of Southern California.

Including Justin Beaver, several other local prospects were drafted, mainly out of the Universities of Minnesota and Wisconsin. The lone Gopher drafted was Dominique Barber, brother of Cowboys running back Marion Barber, and he was selected by the Houston Texans in the sixth round. Four Badgers were selected, all in the second day of the draft.

The first one off the board was cornerback Jack Ikegwuonu as he was taken by the Philadelphia Eagles. The remaining three were all taken in the sixth round as they were kicker Taylor Melhaff, defensive tackle Nick Hayden, wide receiver Paul Hubbard, being drafted by New Orleans, Carolina and Cleveland respectively. Those five players from the two Midwest schools will continue the strong tradition of Big 10 football in the National Football League.



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Baseball season closes with frustration

Blue Devils manage only 1-9 record down the last stretch of the 2008 regular season

by Joel Duncan
Staff Writer

Needing to finish the season strong in order to put themselves in a good position for the playoffs, the Blue Devils did just the opposite in dropping 9 out of their last 10 games to Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opponents.

The final two non-conference games were cancelled with the exception of a varsity reserve game against the University of Wisconsin-Barron County.

Fresh from a non-conference sweep against Lawrence University, the Blue Devils looked to continue their winning ways against conference foe University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. During the two day, four game series, the University of Wisconsin-Stout was only able to garner a one run lead in game three.

Other than that, the Blue Devils were being beat in every facet of the game. During the first two games they showed some guts by coming within 8-7 in the eighth inning of the first game after a three-run homerun by

freshman Brandon O'Connell. The long ball was all for naught as the 18-5 Titans scored three runs in the bottom of the inning to hold onto a solid 11-7 win. In the third game the Blue Devils didn't quite show up as they were blasted 14-2, and the game was called in the seventh inning due to the mercy rule.

While the four game sweep wasn't quite what UW-Stout had in mind, freshman Brian Giebel and senior Erik Johnson each connected on two-run shots in the fourth game of the series, a 9-5 defeat.

Looking for that elusive win, UW-Stout came oh-so-close to capturing that victory against the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse but some ninth inning heroics from the Eagles were just what UW-La Crosse needed to keep UW-Stout in the "L" column.

Down 10-3 in the bottom of the sixth inning, the Blue Devils' bats came to the plate and pounded out seven unanswered runs to tie the game 10-10 in the top of the ninth. Cory Poppitz of UW-La Crosse hit a line drive off the pitcher's glove that made its way into center field to drive in the win-

ning run. The second game wasn't as close, as UW-Stout dropped the game 8-2. They were, however, able to play 23 players, giving some underclassmen valuable playing experience. The next series set to play against University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point was postponed due to poor field conditions.

Once the uncommonly cold April weather passed, UW-Stout was set to take on UW-Stevens Point in a four-game series in Menomonie. When it looked like they couldn't even buy a win, the bank opened for the Blue Devils as they won game two; coincidentally, that was the only game in which the mercy rule wasn't applied.

O'Connell's big bat came to play as he hit a solo shot in the second game to help UW-Stout to their first victory in the last 10 games. Besides the game to win, UW-Stout dropped the other three with a combined score of 59-6, all ended by the mercy rule in the seventh inning.

With a poor end to the season, the Blue Devils postseason chances are about as small as a grain of sand. If they are to make any run at all in the postseason,

the pitching staff needs to work on their location so opposing hitters aren't playing an NCAA level game of tee-ball.



Contributed photo by Layne Pitt

The Blue Devil men's baseball team played against UW-Stevens Point on April 28. UW-Stout lost both games.

Men's golf opens spring season strong

by Danielle Beck
Staff Writer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's golf team opened its spring season on April 6 in Peosta, Iowa with the Loras College Duhawk Tournament and most recently placed fifth of 16 at the Bobby Krigs Invitational at the Ridge on April 21 and 22 hosted by Gustavus Adolphus.

The Bobby Krigs Invitational at the Ridge took place in Sand Creek, Minn. The Blue Devils finished the Bobby Krigs Invite with 926 strokes. The first day of the tournament, sophomore Derek Holmes had the lowest score of the day. This placed him fourth on the day with a 75 in the first round. In the second round he shot a 69. After the first day he was two strokes out of first.

Freshman Sheldon Haedtke was tied for 22nd with a 153. In the first round he shot an 80 and the second round he shot a 73. At the end of the first day UW-Stout was in fifth place, while St. John's was in first.

On the second day of the tournament Holmes finished in fourth place. He shot a 76 in the final round and finished the tournament with a 220. He finished eight strokes off of the leader. Haedtke finished in fifteenth, moving up seven places from the previous day. He finished the tournament with a 229.

The Blue Devils hosted the Sten Pierce/Border Battle Invitational on April 17 at the Whitetail Country Club. UW-Stout finished

second as a team. Holmes placed first after shooting a 70. He was even with St. Thomas' John Treacy through all three rounds. The decision came on the last hole when Holmes shot a birdie while Treacy shot at par. Sophomore Paul Speltz finished fifth for the Blue Devils shooting a 72 and Haedtke finished seventh after shooting a 73.

At the end of the day, UW-Stout was tied for seventh out of 22 teams. Speltz was tied for 13 after shooting a 76. One stroke back and tied for 20th was freshman Matt Fiedler. Haedtke was tied for 28th after shooting a 78. Holmes shot an 81 and was tied for 55th. Sophomore Tyler Mahlik was tied for 105th after shooting a 92.

The second day of the tournament also ended with the Blue Devils finishing seventh of 22. They were off 64 strokes from the leader, Central College. As a team they shot a 640. Speltz finished in a three-way tie after shooting a two-day total of 155. Haedtke finished in a tie for 23rd after shooting a two-day total of 159.

The Augsburg Invitational that was scheduled for April 26 has been cancelled due to bad weather. There is not enough time in the season for the tournament to be rescheduled.

The team will travel to Spring Green, Wis. on May 2 for the Edgewood Invitational. The National Collegiate Athletic Association championship will take place May 6-9 at a yet to be determined location.



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Blue Devil Softball

Record: 7-28

The UW-Stout women's softball team is still looking to get out of their slump as they have now lost 27 straight games. They look to advance in the playoffs this weekend as they play UW-Superior in the WIAC Tournament.

Next game: At the WIAC Tournament vs. UW-Superior on Friday, May 2 at 9 a.m.



Men's Golf

UW-Stout's Derek Holmes entered the day in fourth place and ended up finishing in fourth at the Gustavus meet. The Blue Devils men's golf team finished the tournament in fifth place at the Bobby Krig Invitational near Jordan, Minn. UW-Stout was scheduled to play at the Augsburg Invite, but it was canceled.

Next match: Edgewood Invite at Spring Green, Wis. on Friday, May 2.



Blue Devil Baseball

Record: 12-25

The men's baseball team snapped their seven game losing streak this last weekend when they played against UW-Stevens Point. The Blue Devils ended up splitting the double header as the UW-Stevens Point Pointers hammered UW-Stout 17-1 in the first game, but UW-Stout battled back in the second and won 9-4.

Next match: WIAC Tournament at Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. on May 9-10.



Women's Golf

The Blue devils women's golf team waited for the opportunity to play golf all spring, as they saw their Iowa meet get cancelled and their UW-Eau Claire meet cut in half. Unfortunately they ended their season this past weekend when they ended sixth out of six at the UW-Eau Claire Invite on Sunday, April 27.

Next match: Season has concluded.

Women's golf team end UW-Eau Claire Invite in sixth | Women's softball team drops 27th straight | Men's golf team to play in Edgewood Invite on Friday, May 2

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Saturday, May 3

- March of Dimes' Annual Walk for Babies. Registration at 9 a.m. Walk starting at 10 a.m. The Dweebs playing from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Dunn County Rec Park, Menomonie

- Trip to the Festival of Nations and Minnesota State Capital. Cost: \$12 for Festival of Nations. Sign up at Student Organization Center desk by May 1st. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. outside of MSC and will return to campus around 6 p.m.

Monday, May 5

- Sport Lead Climbing Class. Cost: \$5 non members, free to members. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Tuesday, May 6

- Last day of classes

- California Cuisine QFP Meal. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. QFP Meal Corner III Café, Home Economics

- Slack Line Clinic. Cost: \$7 community, \$4 students. Sign up by May 5th. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Stout Adventures, University Recreation

Wednesday, May 7

- Study Day, No Classes

- Mid-Night Breakfast. 10 p.m. to Midnight. Commons and Tainter Dining Halls

Thursday, May 8

- Evaluation Week Begins

Saturday, May 10

- Commencement for College of Human Development Graduates and School of Education Graduates. 9:30 a.m. Johnson Field House

- Graduation Buffet. Cost: \$9.95 if paid by May 2, \$10.95 if paid after May 2. 11 a.m. to Noon. Great Hall, MSC

- Commencement for College of Arts and Sciences Graduates and College of Technology and Engineering and Management Graduates. 2 p.m. Johnson Field House

- Graduation Buffet. Cost: \$9.95 if paid by May 2, \$10.95 if paid after May 2. 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Wednesday, May 14

- Evaluation Week Ends

Entertainment

Thursday, May 1

- Roma Di Luna and A Night in the Box – music. 8 p.m. The Underground, MSC

Friday, May 2

- "Last Life in the Universe" – movie. International Film. 7 p.m. Room 321, Applied Arts

- Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra "Season Highlights" – music. Cost: \$16 adults, \$14 students/ seniors, \$6 children. 7:30 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Saturday, May 3

- Silhouettes Spring 2008 Fashion Show. Cost: \$10 at 1 p.m. and \$15 at 5 p.m. Great Hall, MSC

Monday, May 5

- Missoula Children's Theatre "Robinson Crusoe" auditions. 4 p.m. River Heights Elementary Gym

- Cinco de Mayo Fiesta. 4:30 p.m. Southlawn

Friday, May 9

- Missoula Children's Theatre "Robinson Crusoe." Cost: \$8 adults, \$6 students/ seniors, \$3 children. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Saturday, May 10

- Missoula Children's Theatre "Robinson Crusoe." Cost: \$8 adults, \$6 students/ seniors, \$3 children. 2 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

Wednesday, May 14

- Menomonie Five and Friends "It's a Small World After All" – music. Cost: \$6 adults, \$3 children. 7 p.m. Mabel Tainter Theater, Menomonie

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Friday, May 2

- Men's and Women's Track WIAC Championships, Eau Claire, WI. Noon

- Softball WIAC Tournament, Stevens Point, WI

- Men's Golf at Edgewood Invite

Saturday, May 3

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Sunday, May 4

- Softball WIAC Tournament, Stevens Point, WI

Thursday, May 8

- Softball NCAA Regional

Friday, May 9

- Softball NCAA Regional

- Baseball WIAC Tournament, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Saturday, May 10

- Men's and Women's Track at UW-Oshkosh Titan Qualifier, Oshkosh, WI. 3 p.m.

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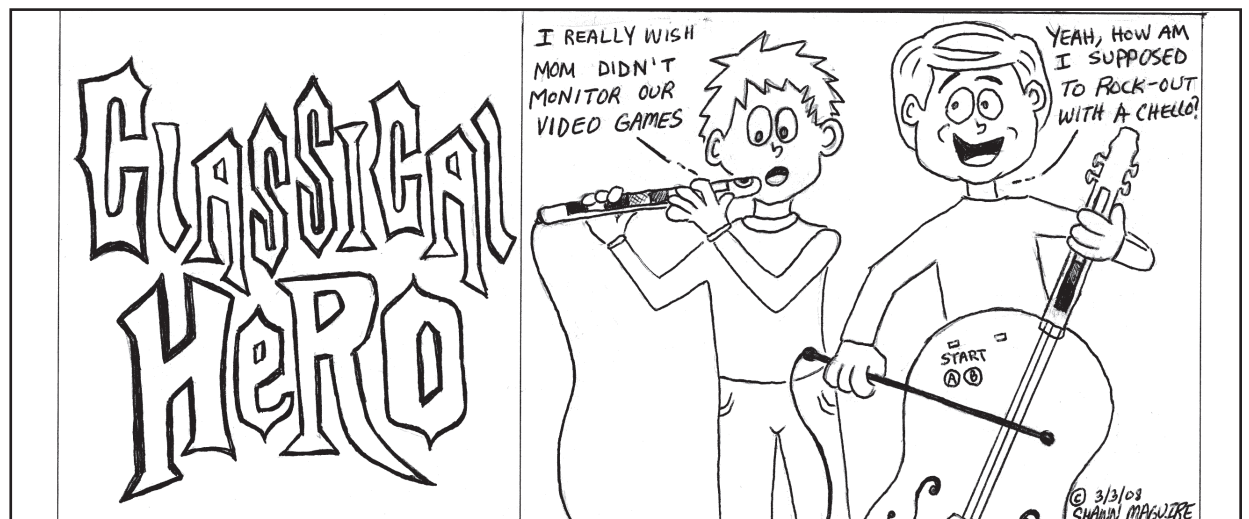
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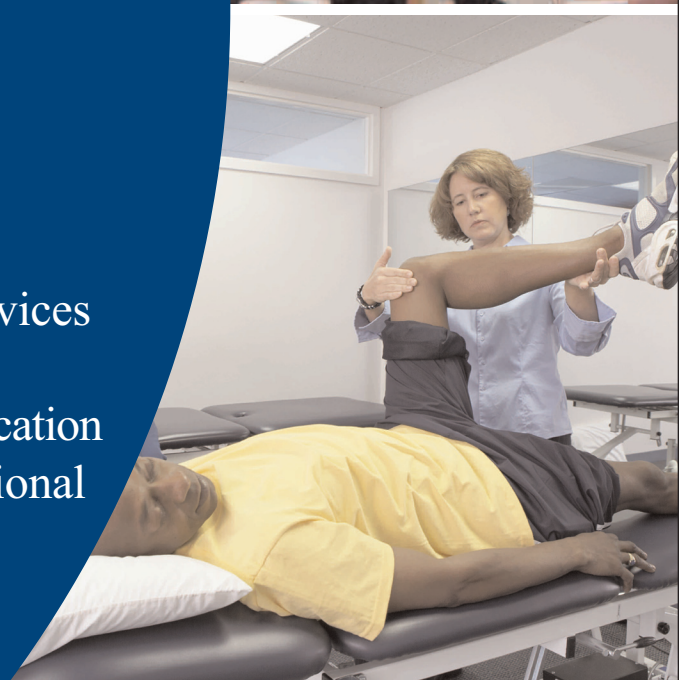
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